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## Our moment to SHINE

- Olympic Torch Relay heads our way
- Thousands set to line the streets
- Full street-by-street guide and times

**By Chris Britcher**

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IT has made its way from the hills of Olympia in Greece, the setting of the ancient Olympic Games, and on Thursday the iconic flame finally reaches our streets as part of its 70-day, 8,000 mile trek to spark the start of London 2012.

Faversham will host a leg of the Olympic Torch Relay, with thousands set to take to the streets to cheer it on as it is carried by torchbearers from the community.

More than 100 volunteers are being recruited to help with the organisation of the day – even though the torch will be in the town for less than an hour.



It arrives in Love Lane at 4.52pm before making its way through the town to the Ashford Road entrance of Kent Fire & Rescue station.

It will then travel by road to Challock, allowing those in the surrounding villages a chance to

see it on their doorsteps before it heads on towards Maidstone.

With Sittingbourne and Sheppey both missing out on being included in the route, many are expected to flock to Faversham to join in the fun.

Andrew Bowles, leader of Swale Borough Council, said "This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of an historic event in Faversham, and to say that you were there."

The torch will arrive at the Olympic Stadium in London on July 27, officially marking the start of the Games.

■ **See inside for a full route map, details of road closures and history of the flame.**



Picture: LOCOG

### EMPLOYMENT

#### Row holds up steel revival

A LEGAL hitch is preventing investors from moving on the former Thamesteel site in Sheerness, according to MP Gordon Henderson.

As meetings take place to try and resolve the dispute, the Tory MP says the outlook of any swift resolve is currently "gloomy".

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### HISTORY

#### Photos of men on bomb ship

REMARKABLE photographs of men boarding the wreck of the sunken wartime ship the SS Richard Montgomery are published inside for the first time.

Submitted by a reader who was part of a dive crew in the 1970s, he reveals what it was like to stand on the wreck and feel it sway.

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### SPORT

#### Shakey set for homecoming

RACE ace Shane 'Shakey' Byrne is preparing for the home leg of the British Superbike Championship as it roars into west Kent circuit Brands Hatch next week.

The Sheppey racer is in contention as the series reaches the half-way stage, sitting third in the title race.

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# Olympic Torch Relay route through Kent

For a street-by-street guide and times visit [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk)



**DAY 61**  
Thursday 19

**DAY 60**  
Wednesday 18

**Torch remains in the town overnight**

High Street – Left Turn  
A229 Bishops Way – Veer Right  
A229 Mill St – Right Turn  
Archbishop’s House entrance –  
Right Turn  
River approach path to jetty  
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Rowing boat from Archbishop-  
op’s Palace  
Rowing boat to Maidstone  
Rowing Club  
Maidstone Rowing Club  
Jetty forecourt – Veer Left  
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Convo to Gillingham  
■ See [www.yourswale.co.uk](http://www.yourswale.co.uk) for the full list of exactly  
where the flame will be,  
with streets and times  
across Kent.

RECRUIT

## Bid to boost fire crew ranks

FIREFIGHTERS will stage a special information evening on Wednesday as part of its drive to secure new recruits.

Fire stations at Sheppey and Eastchurch are among more than 20 across the county seeking on-call recruits to boost their ranks.

Most on-call staff already have jobs and must commit to being available to tackle any emergency during certain hours. They must be physically fit and also be able to reach the fire station within five minutes of receiving a call.

Potential recruits are urged to attend the open evenings which take place from 4pm to 8pm.

North group station manager, Grant Brooker, said: "There is sometimes a bit of a stereotype of who can be an on-call firefighter and we want to challenge that. This could be a great job for all kinds of people. So if anyone is looking for extra shifts, or a challenge this could be for them."

FIRE

## Lightning bolt sparks house blaze

A BOLT of lightning is being blamed for sparking a blaze at a home in Sittingbourne.

The house in Fulston Place was struck during the thunderstorms and heavy rains experienced on Wednesday night.

Emergency crews received a call saying the house had been hit at just after 8.30pm.

Firefighters tackled the flames, with crews wearing breathing apparatus to bring it under control.

The blaze had spread and left one bedroom severely damaged.

Around 40 minutes after arriving the fire had been brought under control. There were no reports of any injuries.

There is unlikely to be an let up in the bad weather however, with forecasters predicting rain showers across the area today and over the weekend.

### OLYMPIC TORCH FACTFILE

Pictures: LOCOG



- The flame is the iconic symbol of the Olympic Games. The relay begins with a ceremonial lighting of the torch at the site of the original ancient Games in Olympia, Greece (see above).
- Tradition dictates the flame is lit by the light of the sun. A ceremony featuring the 11 Vestal Virgins is conducted before the torch heads to the host city.
- The tradition of a relay from Greece to the host city was started in 1936 at the controversial Olympic Games in Berlin – an event used as a political platform by the Nazi Party.
- The tradition of a flame burning during the Games dates back to ancient times, but was reignited for the 1928 Games in Amsterdam.
- The modern torch relay has not been without controversy, however. During the relay prior to the Beijing 2008 Games, the torch had to be under huge security due to numerous efforts to extinguish the flame by human rights activists.
- Multiple back-ups of the Olympia flame are carried along the route – and during the Games itself – to allow the flame to be re-lit should it be extinguished.
- Some 8,000 torchbearers will carry the flame – selected by nominations put forward by the public.
- The route of the flame will travel some 8,000 miles in total during this year’s 70-day long relay.
- The last time the Olympic Games was held in London, in 1948, the flame arrived in Kent by boat before a brief jaunt through the county en route to Wembley.
- This year, it arrived in the UK in a special jet and was accompanied by David Beckham (see above).
- The torch relay will end on July 27, when it finally reaches the Olympic Stadium in London and the torch ignites the Olympic flame, which will burn above the venue for the duration of the event.

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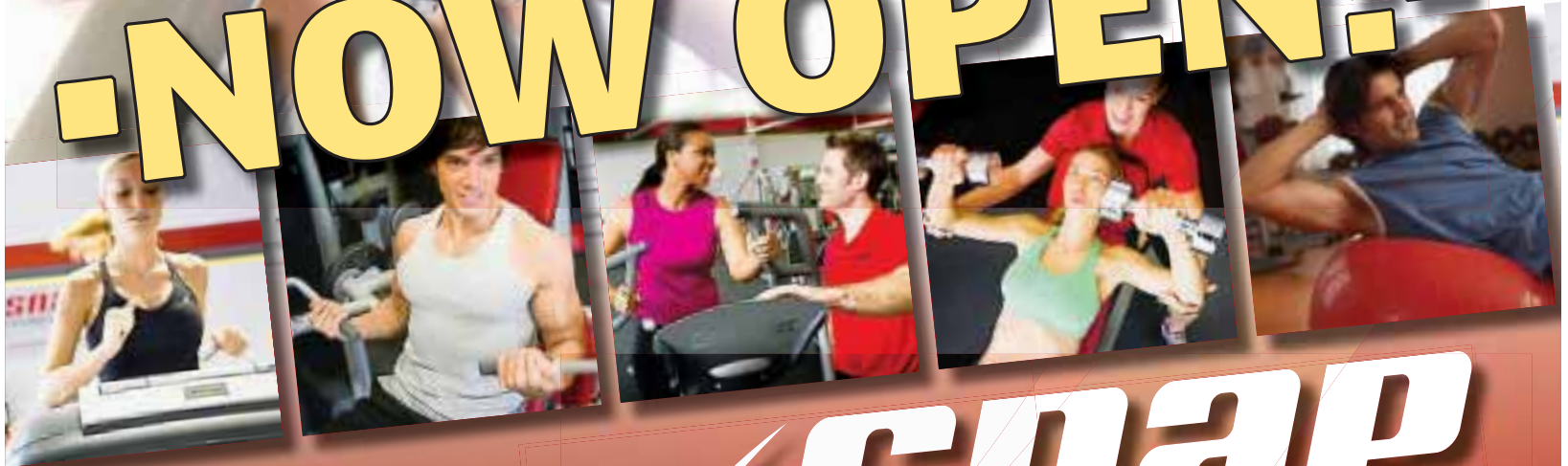
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## EMPLOYMENT

# 'Gloomy' outlook for steel plant as legal hitch delays investment

By Chrissie Daniels

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FEARS have been raised for the future of Thamesteel after it was revealed a contract issue is preventing the owners finding investment for the site.

It is believed a complex legal issue is discouraging outside businesses from putting their money into the plant, crushing hopes of new jobs for Sheppey in the near future.

Adding to the concerns, MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey Gordon Henderson said the outlook is "gloomy" for the steel production plant after meeting with Government chiefs last week.

It was announced last month that a new company, Sheerness Steel Ltd, had purchased Thamesteel after it went into administration.

Administrators Mazars said at the time: "The sale will mean steel production on the site at Sheerness can recommence with, hopefully, the recreation of a large number of the jobs lost when the company entered administration on January 25."

Up to 400 jobs were lost when Thamesteel folded, devastating the community.

It subsequently transpired the new company was created by previous owners, the Saudi Arabia-based Al-Tuwairqi Group. It was discovered the company were looking for in-



vestment, raising concerns that the reopening of the site could be halted due to a far from stable financial market.

Mr Henderson said at the time: "If what I am hearing is right and the company is looking for investment, it makes me very nervous. If it hasn't got the money it doesn't inspire me with much confidence."

To clarify the situation he visited the Department of Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) on July 5 with the current management of Sheerness Steel and discussed Thamesteel's future.

The details of the meeting are being kept tightly under wraps but it was agreed that officials from BIS would try to organise a meeting between Sheerness Steel, Peel Holdings, Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council and the MP.

The plans are to see "if a solution can be found to the current contractual impasse that is discouraging investment in the steelworks by outside interests".

Mr Henderson said afterwards: "Ultimately no one is going to invest in the plant all the time we have got this le-

gal situation. The longer that situation carries on, the more costly it is going to be reopening it and so it is very gloomy at the moment."

**CLOSED:** It's an anxious time for ex-Thamesteel site staff

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Caravan park crimes

CROOKS have carried out a spate of burglaries at a caravan park on Sheppey, prompting police to issue a reminder about the importance of securing caravans and chalets.

Officers are linking four burglaries and one attempted burglary that occurred at the park in Leysdown Road last weekend. Thieves made off with hundreds of pounds worth of televisions, cash, DVDs and clothing after breaking into the holiday homes. Suspect someone? Call 101.

## ➔ CiLK touch at cafe

THE Centre for Independent Living (CiLK) outreach service will be holding a special event at the Pulse Cafe in Park Road, Sittingbourne later this month.

On July 24 between 11am and 1pm it will be offering advice on budgets, benefits, equipment and more for disabled people of any age, their family and friends. It is free and confidential. For further information visit [www.cilk.org.uk](http://www.cilk.org.uk) or call 01622 355777.

## ➔ M2 pile-up: Two hurt

TWO people were rushed to hospital on Wednesday after a six-car pile-up on the coast-bound section of the M2 between Sittingbourne and Faversham.

A stretch of the road between junctions five and six was closed as a result of the accident, with traffic delays stretching back as far as junction four at its peak.

Those hurt suffered only minor injuries.

## TRANSPORT

# Commuters urged to make their voices heard on future of trains

COMMUTERS on our rail routes are being urged to make sure they have their say on the future of services in the south east.

MP Gordon Henderson said all those regularly using services from Sittingbourne and Sheppey, and surrounding stations, should not miss the chance of helping influence the decision on the next rail franchise.

The Department for Transport has set up the consultation, which began at the end of June and will run until September 13. It aims to gauge public opinion on how to improve rail services ahead of companies bidding to run the new franchise from April 2014.

The current Southeastern franchise started in April 2006, delivering the most significant timetable change in Kent for more than 50 years, as well as providing the first domestic high speed rail services in the UK.

However, the franchise has come under fire following a number of complaints about train delays, the lack of information provided in severe weather conditions and the high cost of fares.



The Conservative MP said: "This is an important opportunity for commuters to submit their views on the rail services, particularly into London from my constituency."

"I have previously raised a number of concerns with Southeastern following complaints to my office about their services, however, improvements will only be made if my constituents speak out."

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## CAMPAIGN

# 'Politicians lack the courage to make a tough decision and it leaves the people of Kent in limbo'

By Marijke Cox  
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THE Government has been accused of "dithering" and leaving Kent's people in limbo after the date for the start of its aviation consultation was delayed for a second time.

The news comes after months of uncertainty over when the debate would start – with the Department for Transport refusing to confirm a date, instead only saying it would be "before the summer".

When previously asked if this would mean before parliamentary recess, which begins at the end of July, a DfT spokesman declined to say.

So it came as no shock when this week transport secretary Justine Greening confirmed the consultation over the UK's international connectivity and hub status – including plans for expansion at Heathrow and a Thames estuary airport – would not take place until the autumn.

This followed the publication of the draft policy framework for the future of aviation growth, a document which, although mentioning the use of regional airports, omitted plans for



**CONTROVERSIAL:** George Osborne is reportedly in support of proposals for a third runway at Heathrow airport

the South East, such as the estuary airport proposal or growth at Heathrow, Gatwick or Stanstead. Instead the DfT said a "separate call for evidence on how to maintain the UK's international connectivity and hub status" would follow later this year.

But this is only once the industry has had time to consider the draft policy framework put forward this week.

Critics say the delay of the consultation, which would allow people a chance to finally have an official say on the Thames estuary plans, was down to David Cameron's fears that it would provoke a Coalition rift.

The Lib Dems are against further airport expansion in the South East and while the Tories say they are opposed to a third runway at Heathrow, some senior Conservatives, reportedly including Chancellor George Osborne, are beginning to warm to the idea.

Options for an estuary airport include 'Boris Island' – London Mayor Boris Johnson's proposal for an airport on reclaimed land off the north Kent coast. Another is from architect Lord Foster, who released plans for an international transport hub on Grain.

But while there are groups both for and against an estuary airport, all are united in wanting the consultation to begin.

Clive Lawrence, campaign director for Demand Regeneration in North Kent (DRINK), said putting off the consultation would ultimately mean a delay in any final decision.

"The decision was meant to be made next spring, but now it won't be until

after the next general election," he said. "My shoulders slump at these dithering politicians, where political consideration comes before the needs of this country."

"They don't have the courage to take a tough decision and it means people in north Kent are left in limbo."

"If you campaign and a politician has to make a decision the first thing they will look at is 'will it lose me votes?', which has nothing to do with the long-term interests of the country."

"Proper leadership is when they don't ignore what people feel."

"Politicians need to look at the airport plan; we need a resolution."

Joan Darwell, a campaigner from anti-airport group Friends of the North Kent Marshes, said it was a waiting game.

"It's one delay after another, it's just simmering," she said. "We want to ignite passion in people to make them respond to the upcoming consultation, but it's difficult when it keeps getting delayed."

"We need people to respond, we need the Government to get over the idea that the north Kent marshes is a place to build an airport."

"This consultation is a waiting game, I hope it's in autumn but you just don't know."

Medway Council said while it welcomed the recent aviation document into the importance of existing regional airports, it was looking forward to autumn's consultation: "We won't hesitate in putting forward our case and making it clear why this idea should never get off the ground."

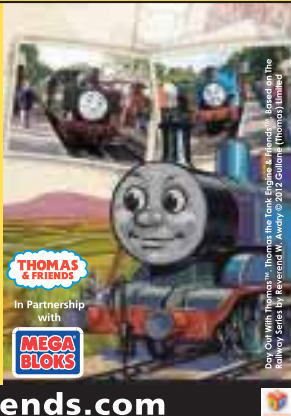
■ See letters on page 15 for more on the estuary airport.

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HISTORY

# Rare snaps of when men boarded bomb ship the Montgomery

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THESE remarkable images (left) show men standing on the ticking time bomb of sunken World War Two munitions ship the SS Richard Montgomery.

Never seen before, the images were taken by a member of the dive team who in the 1970s boarded the vessel to put up warning signs to ensure boats did not venture close to the wreck.

Sunk in 1944 off the coast of Sheppey, the Montgomery is packed with so much explosive, experts warn that were its cargo to be detonated it would blow out the windows of every building on nearby Sheerness and send a huge wave down the Thames.

It is believed to have a cargo

of some 1,400 tonnes of explosives but is considered too dangerous to try and move for fear of it being set off.

Colin Shelley sent in the photographs after reading our recent article on the wreck.

Now living in New Zealand, he explained: "I was working

as a diver back in the 70s, and we would do surveying and general maintenance work around Chatham Dockyard.

"We did general maintenance for the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works, which included working in the docks and River Medway.

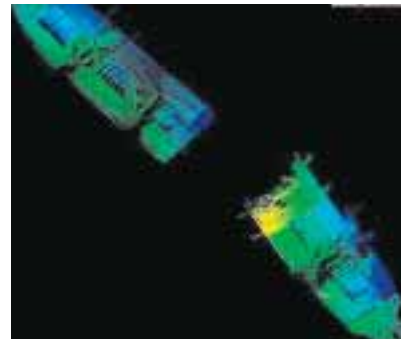
"One of the jobs was to put replacement signs on the Montgomery.

"The job went well but you could feel the wreck moving slightly with the tide being young at the time, although we were not worried about doing it."

The wreck of the Montgomery is one of the many issues raised by campaigners against plans to build an airport in the Thames Estuary, amid fears it could spark an explosion.



**THEN AND NOW:** Left, pictures from the dive. Above, a buoy warns people away from the wreck. Below, an infra red image of the ship



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## FACILITIES

# Community centre wins royal approval with visit from Duke

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A COMMUNITY centre in Faversham was graced with a royal visit for its official opening this week.

The Queen's cousin, The Duke of Gloucester, attended the event at the West Faversham Community Centre on Tuesday as part of a visit to the town.

The Duke also went to view the Magna Carta at the Guildhall, open the museum reception at the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre and visit Faversham Sea Cadets.

The renovated Bysing Wood Road community centre has been given a £3 million make over, becoming a hub for residents and allowing them to take part in a wide range of activities.

Hundreds of people attended the opening, including fundraisers, the High Sheriff of Kent, Michael Bax, and the volunteers who run the centre.

The West Faversham Community Association received £2 million from the Colyer-Fergusson Charita-

ble Trust – a Kent-based charity which provides grants to churches and community groups – to help fund the renovation project.

The new facilities include the Colyer-Fergusson Hall – a venue which can host 320 people for weddings and performances.

The centre also has a pre-school nursery, youth and community activity rooms, meeting and training rooms, and a conservatory café.

Paula Bilbrough, secretary of the community association, said: "The day was a bit panicky at first but very enjoyable. Everything passed off smoothly and it was fantastic to see the Duke."

Two plaques were unveiled on the day, one for the outside of the building and one for the inside of the main hall.

Ms Bilbrough said: "It's very important to the community. It's really busy – we are getting so many different people coming in. We have Zumba classes, Pilates, two or three bowls clubs, as well as a model railway club. The volunteers all think it's fabulous."



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**OPENING:** The Duke of Gloucester, left, attended a special event at the newly renovated West Faversham Community Centre in its opening week

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## News

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ORGANISERS were left breathing a mighty sigh of relief after a big investment in security and revamped traffic plans ensured no repeat of the issues last year which threatened the very future of the festival.

Police say there were a mere five arrests out of a crowd of 7,500. The arrests figure 50 per cent down on last year.

In total there were four arrests for drug offences and one following an assault "between people known to each other".

A 30-year-old man from Aylesham was also taken into custody after a security guard was injured as a car left the festival on Sunday night.

Chief Inspector Steve Barlow said: "Kent Police has worked closely with the new event management company and its security contractors who have been co-operative throughout the preparation and planning of the event and during the actual festival. The result has been a safer festival for all to enjoy."

Festival founder Sean Baker added: "We're very pleased with how the weekend went and proud Lounge on the Farm has had a successful seventh year."

"We saw some brilliant performances from Emeli Sande, Dexys, The Charlatans, The Wombats, Example and DJ Wire and Chic getting everyone on stage for their last song was a definite highlight of the festival."

"We can't wait to get started on 2013."



Picture DYLAN WOOLF



Picture DYLAN WOOLF



Picture PAUL JERRATT

**ENTERTAINING:** Clockwise from left: Emeli Sande; Nile Rodgers from Chic; hiding from the rain

**By Chris Britcher**

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THEY came, they saw, they danced, they got sunburned and drenched; Lounge on the Farm once again served up a little something for everyone last weekend.

Families mingled with teenagers, dance fans with folk and rock aficionados, as the working Merton Farm in Canterbury providing an authentic back-drop compared to the rather more clinical clean-corners of some of Kent's other major festival players.

But beyond its eclectic line-up beats a heart which is difficult to find fault with. It trades so much on that all important ingredient 'atmosphere', and appeals to such a diverse audience that it is perhaps the epitome of a modern-day, niche, festival.

There may have been mutterings about the line-up not perhaps having the strength in depth of last year, but Lounge has never traded merely on attracting big names.

It has been about providing a frying pan and tossing in ingredients which appeal to vastly differing tastes, and serving it up in a way which tingles the tastebuds quite unlike any other; garnished with a very Kentish feel.

Emeli Sande has spent much of her time recently nestled at the top of the UK album chart with her retro-tinged *Our Version of Events*.

She won over the crowd with a one-hour set and by the time she strolled off the audience had practically belted out her hit *Next to Me* for her.

Saturday night headliners The Wombats, the pop-tinged indie rockers, united the audience and delivered a perky, cheerful set which saw perhaps the biggest main stage crowd of the weekend.

By the time Sunday's double-bill of Chic and The Charlatans arrived, the weather had taken

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## FESTIVAL

# Close encounters of the Lounge kind

a turn for the worse, and Andy Murray was out of Wimbledon. Not that Nile Rodgers was going to let a thing like that spoil his party.

Fronting the dance band in which he made his name, Chic ripped through hits such as Good Times, Le Freak and Dance, Dance, Dance plus some of the enormous hits Rodgers has been involved in over the years, such as Diana Ross' I'm Coming Out (which he wrote), Madonna's Like a Virgin (produced) and David Bowie's Let's Dance (produced).

What's more, after finishing he jumped off stage and spent the next ten minutes meeting fans and posing for photographs (see left).

From funk and dance to indie, with The Charlatans and a crowd-pleasing set which included hits from North Country Boy and Weir do through to One to Another and The Only One I Know.

Ultimately, however, Lounge on the Farm's success or otherwise – and its future on the county's cultural landscape – hinged on the behaviour of those attending. Security was highly visible and responsive, the cost, one could suspect, absorbing some of the budget normally invested in talent on the stage.

Few will begrudge it consolidating its position this year rather than cutting corners and running the risk of not being able to get a licence for the 2013 event.

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Picture: PAUL JERRATT

**DRAWN TO THE MUSIC:** In a scene reminiscent of Steve Spielberg's epic movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind, fans flock to the main stage



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OPINION

# A new app-roach to health care

Dr Peter Green explains how the NHS is trialling new technologies to put patients in the driving seat of managing their care, and how you can help...

'SKYPING' your GP, tracking and monitoring your blood pressure on an app or taking part in a teleconference with your healthcare team and a specialist consultant in America.

It may sound futuristic, but it's time for us to work smarter in using today's technology to make the NHS better for you.

These are just some of the cutting-edge examples we are exploring to better support and treat patients – particularly those with long-term conditions like diabetes and heart disease – around the clock.

Kent has already been at the forefront of research and use of technology in supporting patients in the community.

We were one of the pilot sites for Telehealth and Telecare.

Telehealth uses electronic equipment to monitor a patient's daily health, like their pulse, blood pressure and sugar levels, from their home before sending it to a community

matron or specialist nurse.

Being able to track a patient's condition so closely not only empowers them to manage their own condition, but prevents crises and resulted in fewer emergency admissions to hospital. The Department of Health is so impressed it is now championing its use nationwide.

But we know this is just the tip of the iceberg. There is a plethora of emerging technologies that can be adopted to improve people's experience of the NHS, both for patients and clinicians. Apps have already been developed by Diabetes UK and Asthma UK to help patients in the early stages of these disease record medical information and share it with their community nurses.

Seven GP practices in east Kent are piloting the Met Office COPD Health Outlook Service with patients who have the lung condition chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,

which can be aggravated by the weather. Patients get a recorded voice call when poor conditions are forecast, giving them the opportunity to take action to stay well.

We are also looking at developing IT solutions to enable health and social care teams to share information more easily.

This work is being driven by the Kent and Medway Technology Programme, which brings together clinical commissioning groups, local government, clinicians, universities, research partners and patients and the public in the search for these new technologies and how they can be used and applied to help patients.

It will involve working with a range of organisations and using smartphones, apps and the internet more widely to improve care.

One thing is for sure, if the NHS locally is to embrace the challenges of the 21st century,



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**We are looking at IT solutions to enable care teams to share info more easily**

we must now embrace the opportunities technologies bring.

Three of the best health apps are: the Diabetes UK app gives people reminders on checking blood sugar levels and taking medication – information can then be sent electronically to the patient's surgery or clinic. [www.diabetes.org.uk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk); the iBreastCheck from Breakthrough Breast Cancer, provides women (and men too) with a guide to checking their breasts for abnormalities. [www.ibreastcheck.com](http://www.ibreastcheck.com); the NHS Drink Tracker helps you follow how much you drink over time, analysing your habits to provide tailored feedback. [www.nhs.uk/tools](http://www.nhs.uk/tools).

Got an idea you think would help? Then register your interest in joining the Technology Patient Group. Email [technology.kentandmedway@nhs.net](mailto:technology.kentandmedway@nhs.net) or call 01227 791163.

■ **Dr Peter Green is a GP and co-medical director at NHS Kent and Medway.**

## KOS COMMENT

At last it's time to get into the Olympic spirit

YOU don't get much for free these days, so to be able to witness a once-in-a-lifetime spectacle in the form of the Olympic Torch Relay for nothing is special opportunity.

It also gives those who missed out on Games tickets the chance to soak up some Olympic spirit and feel part of London 2012.

We're also lucky enough to have the torch here longer than any other county, and with two stopover nights to enjoy it creates the sense we're considered an important county in the Olympic and Paralympic build up.

So join the crowds next week and soak up some Olympic atmosphere.

After all, this is likely to be a one-off chance for most of us.

We need a resolution

IT CAME as no surprise when the Government announced there would be a delay on the aviation debate.

People are fed up with politicians failing to show some guts by pushing ahead with a decision. Either way, a resolution needs to be found to stop people having to live their lives in limbo.

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**Marika Sherwood, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, Oare**

## Tax cash bid is just naivety

YOUR article about Kent County Council expecting monies from a foreign lorry tax (which under EU law would probably mean British hauliers too), from the Treasury, shows a certain degree of political naivety.

The only outcome of such legislation could be repercussions for British hauliers by other European nations and costs passed onto the end user.

Congestion charging and parking seems to average that two thirds of the money collected goes on administration and I guess this would be the norm here.

If any money was received, would it really be spent on road improvements? Driving time restrictions have been around for nearly 50 years and despite hundreds of billions of pounds collected in tax over that period, neither

Labour nor Conservative governments have tackled the problem of truck parking. They have made the rules and made sure they are enforced, but lacked the leadership to solve the problems created.

**Terry Hudson, Herne Bay**

## Horse needs a good clean up

RE: The White Horse at Folkestone. It would be good if it could be cleaned before the Olympics, to be a welcoming symbol of Kent to people using the Channel Tunnel. It's very dull at the moment.

**Jean Coulter, by email**



## The estuary is not an option

MY views for a hub airport as proposed, are summed up by Marijke Cox in last week's

paper. Too costly, not wanted by a huge array of people including some in the industry, and would devastate an area of global environmental importance.

We are great at travelling all over the world 'educating' people about how to care for their environments, yet in our own tiddly little island all we can think about is airports, industry, roads et al, that supposedly bring employment. Yet there have been millions unemployed in this country for most of my 50 years of working life, and there have been too few schools, hospitals, or houses, and too many cars for the roads to cope with also for as long, or longer, despite constant shifting of the green belt and continuous building of roads, houses, etc.

This is necessary, but sacrifice something irreplaceable for consumer demand and you gain nothing long term.

I protested about the hub when it was originally going to be built at Cliffe, and I live in

Gravesend, so I'm not a Nimby. Even Australia supported that protest, and the same arguments apply here.

As Joan Darwell said, it's not about houses, it's about health and well-being, and if people in power like Boris Johnson can't see that, then there is no hope for humanity. Because if we can't set a good example by looking after our own ecology, then why should the Brazilians look after the rainforest? Or farmers in Africa protect ivory horned animals from poachers, etc?

If we need more space for planes then there has to be a better way of providing for it. Go back to the drawing board and think again, because the estuary is not an option.

**Julian Burrows, Gravesend**

## Reuse an old airport instead

I have heard all the fuss and bother about Boris Island in

the Thames Estuary, and the arguments for and against.

However, there is a solution that everyone seems to have overlooked. Governments are very keen and big on new developments that provide large contracts for those in the know with high-up connections. This one is no different.

There are plenty of former World War Two bomber airfields dotted around the country in areas that would not bother too many residents if one of them were to be used again, as a central hub for the UK. As the current lot are very big on high-speed trains, an additional project could run alongside the recommissioning of an abandoned airfield as stated, to provide the necessary transport linkage to the capital and beyond.

Problem solved, all done on dry land. Simple.

**Geoff Parr, by email**

## Develop Lydd or Manston

I say no to the idea of an estuary airport.

It is a busy shipping lane, would cause goodness knows what upheaval to the community of Grain, in particular the Hoo Peninsula.

What of the wartime wreck of the Richard Montgomery? Perched on a sand bar, still loaded with munitions from the Second World War.

Experts say there is no danger, but there is no man-made disturbance yet.

I am at a loss as to why Manston or Lydd are not strongly in the frame. Both were in the past the sites of successful commercial airlines.

Manston has a huge runway (emergency landing facility) a massive land area, and cargo flies out on a regular basis. Not forgetting Kent International Airport on site. Lydd is a lovely historic airport already seeking permission to extend its runway.

The main problems, not forgetting noise (aircraft are pretty quiet nowadays), and birdlife which resites itself or endures, is the location. Both are a bit 'out of the way' of mainstream traffic. In the case of the Ramsgate line.

I suppose it's money. If there is money considered for the Estuary Mistake, use it to develop Manston or Lydd.

**Dave Powell, by email**

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**Q** My father passed away recently, aged 87. While in his 50s, he took out a policy with Norwich Union to cover funeral costs.

However, he paid far more in premiums than was paid out on his policy. My mother has a similar policy, and Aviva informed her that if she stopped paying premiums then the company would effectively take several hundred more pounds from her.

**A** Your father paid about £2,600 in premiums, and on his death Aviva, the company behind Norwich Union, paid benefits of £1,696.

Your mother has paid the same premiums and she has been told her policy will pay £1,437, though if she cancels future premiums this will drop to £1,200 – presumably because she will lose any final bonus.

It is easy to see why you think this is unfair. So-called funeral policies like these offer poor value for money. On the other hand, they have never been savings policies.

To be blunt, they are no more than a gamble. A certain percentage of people will die comparatively young, before their premiums match the benefits the insurer must pay.

Your long-lived parents' premiums have paid for the benefits to other families where the policyholder has died early. This is how all insurance works, and as long as the policy terms were spelled out properly in the beginning, Aviva has done nothing wrong.

**Q** I INVESTED over many years in premium bonds until I reached the maximum £15,000 allowed. I used to get a £50 prize almost every month. Now, though, I go months without a win, and I never get more than £25.

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**Is it true new bonds stand a better chance than old bonds? Should I cash mine in and reinvest to get new numbers?**

**A** OLD bonds with low numbers stand exactly the same chance of a prize as new bonds with high numbers.

The reason you see recently issued bonds so often in the prize lists is that there are more of them in circulation.

Ernie – the electronic machine that generates the winning numbers – cannot tell the difference between old and new bonds, and prints out numbers completely at random.

The reason you are winning fewer prizes is simply that the Government has reduced the prize fund in line with low interest rates, and there are now far more £25 prizes. This means the number of winners stays roughly the same, but the amount they win is lower.

If you still like premium bonds, you could buy more, as the maximum allowed is now £30,000.

**Q** I SOLD some building land at a profit. It was originally paid for by my parents, but registered in my name.

**I would now like to return the entire amount to my parents, including all the interest gained. Are there any tax implications? I have already paid capital gains tax.**

**A** This is a bit messy. Was the land really yours, in which case the money from your parents was either a gift or a loan?

Or was the land really theirs, since they paid for it, in which case they should have paid the tax and pocketed the profits? That said, we are where we are.

You have already declared the gain for tax. It would be difficult to tell the tax office now that your parents were the real landowners, and not you.

The remaining question mark is over how much you give them.

Return the original sum and there are no tax implications. Anything above this counts as interest and should be declared for tax by them.

They cannot claim any benefit from the gains tax that you already paid.

**■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.**

## Many could profit from £38m bumper windfall

By **Adam Aiken**

MyMoney24 editor

CREDIT unions are to receive up to £38 million from taxpayers to modernise and expand so they can support a million more people.

Welfare reform minister Lord Freud said the additional funds would help credit unions buy new computer systems and infrastructure so they can increase the numbers of people they help to save and borrow.

The move follows a report by the Unite union which found workers were increasingly turning to payday loans because their wages run out before the end of the month, creating what the union said was a "debt disease" across the country.

The research by Unite found that one worker in eight regularly turned to short-term loan companies such as Wonga, Quick Quid and Money Shop to tide them over in the week before getting their wages.

Payday loan companies charge notoriously high rates of interest – sometimes as much as several thousand per cent a year.

Defenders of payday loans point out that their products are used for only a few days at a time, and that the annual interest rate does not give a fair reflection of the cost of a short-term loan. But there is no doubt that credit unions are a far more competitive option for borrowers.

"Credit unions are growing – almost doubling in membership since 2006 – but we want them to be a mainstream option for savers and borrowers just as they are in other countries and to ditch the image of a 'poor man's bank'," said Lord Freud.

Mark Lyonette, chief executive of the Association of British Credit Unions, said: "Credit unions in Britain already provide financial services to nearly a million people, many on low to moderate incomes.

"But we know that credit union sectors around the world, by working together behind the scenes and offering a broad range of products, reach many more people, including – but certainly not restricted to – those at the lower end of the income scale.

"So I very much welcome the recognition from government that credit unions should be a mainstream option for saving and borrowing.

"This £38m investment will help provide the infrastructure the sector needs and assist credit unions to develop services that will benefit everyone in the communities they serve, on a sustainable footing."

Neera Sharma, assistant director of policy and research at children's charity Barnardo's, said: "It is essen-



### SO WHAT ARE CREDIT UNIONS?

**AT THE end of September, 2011, Britain's credit unions were managing £703 million of savings on behalf of more than 950,000 people, and credit union members had been advanced loans totalling £570m.**

**But what are they – and are they safe?**

**Credit unions are financial co-operatives owned and controlled by their members.**

**Unlike banks, they do not have shareholders. They are also authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority and they are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.**

**This means that – as with banks and building societies – the first £85,000 of a member's savings are completely safe in the event that a credit union fails.**

**Credit unions are non-profit and allow members both to save and to borrow at competitive rates.**

**They provide an attractive alternative to other authorised products such as payday loans**

**and doorstep lending.**

**They also play a vital role for people who find themselves excluded from the mainstream banking sector, but you do not need to be struggling or down on your luck to become a member.**

**There may once have been a stigma attached to credit unions, but nowadays many people choose credit unions ahead of other high-street providers because the products can beat those available elsewhere. There can also a feeling of community in belonging to a credit union.**

**Credit unions are based around a geographic area, employment or some other common link.**

**For example, some unions are for people who work in a certain industry, some might be for people who go to the same church, and others are for people who live in a particular suburb.**

**There are about 500 credit unions across the country.**

that the most vulnerable families have access to feasible alternatives to exploitative high-cost credit, including fit-for-purpose bank accounts and good financial advice.

"Investing in credit unions must be at the heart of a package of government measures that ensure the poorest families are not left crippled by debt."



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## 'The way these institutions have behaved is, frankly, frightening'

By Nick Ames

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ANGER is raging across the county's business community at those bankers perceived as lining their own pockets at the expense of the economy.

Recent headlines about interest-rate-rigging, which saw Barclays fined £290 million, have once again put the spotlight on the big banks and their role in the economic downturn.

And their continuing reluctance to lend cash at affordable rates – while still paying higher-ranking staff huge bonuses – is putting any chance of a recovery at risk, says the body that represents small businesses.

"Throughout the years we have been brought up to believe the bank is a trusted friend," said Roger House, chairman of the Kent and Medway branch of the Federation of Small Businesses.

"Now the bank is viewed with doubt and mistrust. There is a great deal of anger and disbelief at the way they have handled their affairs.

"What is undeniable is they have fiddled and fiddled the figures.

"Millions of pounds has been made available to them and money that could have been used to stimulate growth in the economy has gone into bonuses.

"And one thing nobody talks about is what happens if a business obtains money and then it goes wrong. The way the banks behave is venal – they go after every penny the business has got and do not think twice about sending in the debt-collectors.

"The way these national institutions have behaved is, frankly, frightening. The economy is the bedrock of our society. People in business generate money.



ENRAGED: The FSB's Roger House

The banks may make a bit by investment, but the money is ours – it is our economy, not theirs to mess around with.

"On the one hand we have the Government saying there is a deep need for SMEs – which account for 90 per cent of the economy – but [on the other hand] business is saying things are coming to a stop. To save the whole economy, what is needed is 'affordable money' to stimulate growth. That is cash available to businesses to grow – not charged at huge rates of interest."

The FSB says it welcomed the Financial Services Agency's ruling that Interest Rate Swap Agreements (IRSAs) were mis-sold to small businesses, with the four main high-street lenders agreeing to compensate small and medium-sized

firms mis-sold products.

The FSA said it had found "serious failings" in the way they marketed to some customers.

Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds Banking Group and Royal Bank of Scotland have all agreed to halt the sale of complex interest-rate hedges to smaller businesses and have pledged to compensate potentially thousands of customers who have been hurt by the products that have left some firms with hundreds of thousands and even millions in costs they say they were never warned about.

Martin Wheatley, head of financial conduct at the FSA, said he had received personal assurances from chief executives, including Barclays boss Bob Diamond when he was still in post, and Antonio Horta-Osorio, chief executive of Lloyds, that they would ensure all complaints were treated fairly.

But in addition to the moratorium imposed on the sale of these swaps, the FSB now wants an immediate suspension of repayments on these products.

And it says the FSA and the Financial Conduct Authority must also carry out a thorough market review to establish how the market should operate – if at all – for small businesses.

The FSB said regulators must also review the level of protection small firms were afforded under regulation as well as investigate how many other banks had been involved in the practice.

House said: "Suspending repayments immediately would relieve and possibly rescue small firms that have been burdened with huge bills. However, it will not resurrect the many small businesses that have already been destroyed by this appalling breach of trust – firms that turned to their banks for

support and were instead exploited.

"Britain's hope of escaping recession relies largely on the optimism and entrepreneurial spirit of its small firms. But that optimism is being shattered by the ever-lengthening series of scandals emerging from the banks they have been forced to deal with through lack of competition and regulation.

"At what point will big banks' chief executives take responsibility for the litany of scandals their employees have been found guilty of and which are causing untold damage to small businesses and Britain's economy?

"It is not enough that the guilty banks should simply be forced to repay the money they tricked out of their small-business customers. The situation will not improve until and unless punitive measures are taken to stamp out these sharp practices and the fundamental attitude of the banks towards their small-business customers changes. The top managers of these huge institutions must be held accountable.

"The scale of the mis-selling scandal is still not clear. Too many affected firms have still not come forward and live in fear that if they speak out their loans will be foreclosed and their banks will force them out of businesses. This FSA ruling should give them the confidence to step forward – and they must do so.

"A company operating hotels in Folkestone and Canterbury bought two IRSAs from Barclays Capital in 2007-08. Since the BASE rates fell below 3.25 per cent they have been penalised with these IRSAs and have been paying a 'kicker rate', which currently amounts to more than £700,000."

• **To hear more from Roger House, visit yourkentv on youtube.**

### LEISURE AND TOURISM

## Year of discovery is on the App

FIFTY tourism businesses came to Chiddingstone Castle to meet the Discover The Garden Of England team, which is celebrating its first year with the launch of a free iPhone App.

This is intended to make it easier for visitors to find out everything they need to know about what's happening in Kent and parts of East Sussex.

The group also has a website with information on accommodation, venues to visit, activities, shopping and places to eat.

Visitors to the website are increasing by an average of more than 30 per cent month on month, and with a 12-month search-optimisation and Google adwords campaign already under way,



the site's creators hope visitor numbers will continue to rise strongly.

"The website has a full calendar of events, as well as themed itineraries, an itinerary builder, accommodation booking, mapping and the What's Nearby function, which links places to visit and stay with events and activities, making it easy for visitors to plan a day," said director Juliet Steinmetz.

### RECOGNITION

## This woman is an inspiration

CATHY Beare, group chief financial officer of Newington-based Holiday Extras, has joined the Women 1st Top 100 Club.

This is made up of the most influential women in the hospitality, passenger transport, travel and tourism industry.

Announced at the Women 1st Shine Awards, Beare joined Carolyn McCall OBE, chief executive of easyJet and Women 1st Woman of the Year; Kellie Rixon, group brand-development director at De Vere Group; and Janis Kong OBE, a non-executive director for TUI, VisitBritain and Network Rail.

She said: "It's a great honour to join these fantastic women who are



achieving remarkable things in their careers and for their businesses. I'm very proud to be seen as a positive role model for the next generation of industry leaders."

Sharon Glancy, founder of Women 1st, said: "The quality of the nominations we received this year was remarkable. Each and every one was an inspiration – it was a tough task to make our final selection.

"The extraordinary women in our Top 100 are a critical force who will play no small role in ensuring the future success of the industry."

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# Minister explains Green Deal on visit to heating company

By Nick Ames

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THE Green Deal, the Government's new flagship carbon-emission-reduction policy, will bring huge benefits to households and businesses while providing a much-needed financial shot in the arm for companies that get involved in the initiative, a senior minister claims.

Gregory Barker MP, Minister for Climate Change, addressed a green-energy summit at the offices of Swale Heating in Sittingbourne to put the case for the initiative.

Responding to an invitation by Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Gordon Henderson, the minister explained to an audience of private- and public-sector delegates how the Green Deal would work when it came into force later this year.

Barker said that under the Green Deal bill-payers would be able to get energy-efficiency improvements without having to front up the cash. Instead, firms who become approved providers under the scheme would provide the capital, getting their money back via the energy bill. At the heart of the offer is a simple rule – that estimated savings on bills will always equal or exceed the cost of the work.

"Every property considered under the Green Deal will be assessed by an accredited, objective adviser, and the energy-efficiency measures installed by an accredited installer. The scheme will provide a substantial opportunity for companies here in Kent and elsewhere to tap into a huge potential market.

"Millions of residential and commercial properties could benefit from the energy-efficient savings these improvements could bring – measures like cavity wall and loft insulation, solid wall insulation, double-glazed windows and new doors, solar pv panels, energy-saving heating controls and lighting systems, A-rated boilers and more.

"Within the next few weeks I will be issuing advice to councils to draw up a strategy to roll out the Green Deal in their areas," said Barker, who acknowledged that a big job lay ahead in



**HOT STUFF:** From left, Mark Pope, of Swale Heating, with Gregory Barker and Gordon Henderson

explaining the scheme to the public and other target audiences.

Responding to questions about small to medium-sized regional firms being squeezed out of the scheme by national home-improvement suppliers, the minister said he expected "an army of SMEs" to get involved and urged local authorities in Kent to help manage this.

He also denied a claim that the Green Deal would be a 'flash in the pan' initiative that fizzled out in six months: "This is a 20-year programme. We will not have a big flashy launch with a huge advertising budget. It will be rolled out in a controlled and steady way, based on partnerships between Government and local councils and groups," he said.

Swale Heating managing director Mark Pope

said the company was keen to put its weight behind the scheme: "Ahead of this meeting we understood the ethos of the Green Deal, but it was unclear how it would be delivered. Now it is clear there are opportunities for independent heating-services companies like ours to be involved and we look forward to finding out more about becoming an accredited provider."

Henderson said: "One of the reasons I invited the minister is because some of our smaller companies here in Kent have concerns about being excluded from the Green Deal.

"There has also been the worry that households will postpone decisions on home improvements like new windows until the Green Deal is introduced later this year, leading to work drying up for the next few months."

## PAYMENT

### Phone device to help ensure you are paid on time

**SMALL** businesses suffering from late payments and bad debt could benefit from a new payment system that will enable companies of all sizes to accept credit and debit card payments through their mobile phone.

mPowa is a service that includes a mobile-phone app and a reader that connects to a smartphone or mobile device either by plugging into its headphone socket or via Bluetooth.

It enables customers to make payments on the go using their card in a way never before seen in Britain.

The mobile app is free to download on iPhone, iPad, Android, Windows and Blackberry devices and functions as the control centre that accepts the payment.

It monitors payments made by card as well as cash and cheque, as well as processing each transaction securely.

The reader, when connected to a mobile phone, is used to swipe the magnetic strip of the card, or for the chip and pin device, and the card is then inserted and the customer prompted to enter their PIN code.

mPowa will enable businesses, including sole traders, to take payments immediately without waiting for invoices to be issued and paid.

The device is launched as many businesses are struggling to survive because of bad debt. In the UK, £35.5 billion of debt is owed to SMEs alone.

In the second half of last year, small and medium-sized firms reported waiting an average of 29.6 days longer than agreed payment terms, which is a figure that represents an increase over the first half of 2011.

Because many firms are currently unable to accept card payments due to the cost of devices, mPowa will function as a way of shortening the payment process from what can be months to a matter of minutes.

## Chamber's annual event ensures a wealth of networking as businesses get together

KENT Invicta Chamber of Commerce's 26th annual exhibition proved a great hit at Ashford International Hotel.

Rebranded the Kent & Medway B2B to reflect the chamber's new wider geographical area, it was supported by businesses from across the county.

Longer opening hours, a shell system of stands with a revised layout, presentations by keynote business speakers, a special start-up section, speed networking and an Entrepreneur Panel were some of the innovations for this year.

Together with more than 130 exhibitors, more than 1,000 visitors and the established facilities of business advice and workshops, Kent & Medway B2B 2012 was the place to discover the best in products and services, find new



**DELIGHT:** Richard Farleigh and Jo James were pleased with the event

contacts, get advice on how to improve business efficiency, or learn how to develop an idea to start up your own business.

The presentations by business speakers Richard Farleigh and Paula Wynne were well attended and much appreciated, as were all the other business-advice

opportunities. Richard Farleigh also helped choose and present the Best Stand awards.

A constant flow of visitors, coupled with interaction between the exhibitors themselves, provided many positive leads and contacts for potential cooperation and expansion, with exhibitors reporting substantial prospects arising from exhibition attendance.

Many commented on the value of the exhibition in raising their profile among the wider business community and the opportunity to meet other business people with whom they would not normally come into contact.

Chamber chief executive Jo James said: "We always strive to improve our exhibition as much as we are able to increase the benefits it provides.

"This year we deliberately set out to give it a whole new look, with a fresh approach with enhanced facilities and attractions.

"I believe, judging by the comments I have heard from exhibitors and visitors, that we accomplished what we set out to do – I hope so.

"As with all these events, the day was a culmination of a lot of work and effort by many people. I extend thanks to all of them, too numerous to name.

"Specifically, however, I would like to thank Wilkins Kennedy, Furley Page, and Jelf Insurance Brokers as main event sponsors; Auratek Ltd for sponsorship of the Start-Up area and the Best Stand awards; our excellent speakers and presenters; and all our other sponsors for their help."

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## Training, courses and careers

### College courses at a great price

NORTH West Kent College offers a range of Higher Education (HE) courses at half the cost of university. From £4,995, students can gain a foundation degree qualification or Higher National Diploma/Certificate and improve their chances of employability while living at home.

The Dartford campus, from where most of the courses will be delivered, offers free parking and is accessible by easy transport links via rail, bus and the college's free shuttle bus.

The college provides foundation degrees affiliated to The University of Greenwich and Higher National Diplomas/Certificates (HND/C) by Edexcel.

These qualifications involve links to industry, and after two years students have the opportunity to apply to top up their qualification to a degree or go straight into industry. It is also possible to work while studying on several of the HE programmes.

The HE courses include business, early years, photography, professional writing, sports science and sports studies. The college is also introducing new HE courses from September in performing arts, travel and tourism and public services. In addition, the college offers a part-time HNC in electronic and electrical engineering at the Gravesend campus.

Brian Starbuck, curriculum manager for higher education, said: "We understand the rising cost of tuition fees is making it difficult for people to go to university. We are confident that by offering higher-education courses at a lower cost, it will make it easier for potential students to achieve this."

The business HND develops the knowledge and skills appropriate to administrative and management careers in many areas of business. Elements of the course include quantitative techniques, economics and business functions.

The early years foundation degree provides the opportunity to progress into teaching or management, with a potential progression to an early years professional status course. The course will benefit students by developing confidence for the workplace, problem-solving and project management.

Photography is ideal for people with a passion for the art who have a desire to make a living from their images. The programme covers studio and location photography, portraiture, digital post-production, advertising and editorial photography, plus critical and contextual studies.

Professional writing focuses on turning creative ideas into revenue. The course has generated an effective stepping-stone for students to progress to becoming published authors or moving into creative industries such as press and advertising.

Sports science is based on the science behind sports performance, which underpins the theory and practical elements of a range of subjects including practical sports performance, fitness training, sports psychology, health and anatomy. The course is ideal for students who wish to pursue careers such as fitness coach, personal trainer, sports nutritionist and sports psychologist.

Sports studies provides students with an insight into the world of sports coaching and the sports industry. The course covers practical performance, coaching, anatomy and sports-event organisation. It aims to produce physical-education teachers, coaches, sports development officers and leisure centre staff.

The Miskin Theatre's performing-arts course will benefit actors and technicians, providing them with the relevant training and experience to prepare them for drama school or to start work directly within the industry.

Public services addresses a range of areas from justice and punishment to psychology. The course would be an advantage to students who wish to progress in a career in the police, fire service or Armed Forces.

Travel and tourism covers subjects from marketing to visitor-attraction management. The course is ideal for those who would like to boost their prospects in the travel and tourism industry.

Places on these courses will be sought after, so please get in touch while they remain available. Call North West Kent College on 0800 074 1447 or [www.nwkc.ac.uk](http://www.nwkc.ac.uk).

# Town hall's up for Euro award for scheme to get people back into work

A COUNCIL initiative to help get people back into employment has been shortlisted for an award celebrating Europe's most innovative projects.

The Medway Council-led project SUCCES (Sustainable Uplifting Client Centred Employment Support), which is designed to give unemployed people the help they need to get back into work, has been nominated to compete in the annual Regiostars awards, run by the European Commission.

The Regiostars Award identifies good practice in regional development and highlights original and innovative projects that could be inspiring to other areas.

SUCCES is part funded by the European Union's Interreg IVA 2 Seas programme and provides training and specialist support services to people over the age of 16 either looking for work or with a low skills set and little experience.

This can be anything from help with writing CVs and interview techniques to self-esteem courses and networking events with employers.

The cross-border initiative is running in Medway, Great Yarmouth and Waveney, Grand-Synthe in France and Kortrijk, Belgium.

In Medway, the project is led by the council and involves the

work of a range of community groups and services, including the Employ Medway Advice Centre, All Saints Community Project, Strood Community Project, Medway Citizens Advice Bureau, and the North Kent Training Service.

Taylor Bennett, 22, from Chatham, had been unemployed for nearly a year when he was helped by the SUCCES project. He is now a finance apprentice at Medway Council.

"The SUCCES project has given me the confidence and self-belief that I needed to not just secure employment, but start a career.

"I found the self-esteem course in particular was invaluable, and I would recommend it to anyone" said Taylor.

The project has been shortlisted along with two other Medway Council-led projects, AIMER and ACCES, and selected as final nominees for the Regiostars competition.

Medway Council's Cllr Jane Chitty, said: "It's great to see the work of the SUCCES project and the team behind it being recognised for the valuable work they are doing."

Finalists will be invited to present their project to a jury in October and the final competition winners will be announced in February 2013.



**JUST THE JOB:** Medway Council's SUCCES scheme could be in line for European glory

## Bursary to teach computer teachers

THE University of Kent has been awarded a £1,000 BCS education bursary to promote the importance of computer science as an academic discipline.

Dr Bill Mitchell, director of the BCS Academy of Computing, said: "It is with great pleasure that the Institute makes the bursary awards. We had over 200 applications for bursary funding so to be awarded one is no mean feat.

"We are now looking forward to following the progress of each of the successful projects and sharing their experience to inspire others."

The university's computing education research group will use the bursary to subsidise its summer schools and evening classes for

computing teachers. The first event will be a summer school in August for 30 computing teachers, aimed at those who are starting to teach Key Stage 4 or 5.

The evening course will allow local schools to forge links with the university to begin to establish a support network for local teachers.

The presenters at the events will include Professor Sally Fincher, recipient of the Association for Computing Machinery award for outstanding contribution to computer science education, and Professor Michael Kölling, named a distinguished member of the ACM in recognition of his contributions to computer science education.

Neil Brown, research associate, explained: "We are very pleased to have secured a BCS education bursary.

"This is an exciting time for computing in schools, fuelled by the introduction of the new wave of computing GCSEs.

"But we need to make sure teachers in the schools are prepared to teach computing, and in many cases this means access to continuing professional development and training.

"We hope that our summer school and evening classes will provide opportunities for teachers, both locally and nationally, to increase their skills and gain confidence in the material that they will teach."



## Schools & education

### Teen goalie signs for Arsenal and swaps school for training ground

SCHOOLBOY goalkeeper Ryan Huddart has swapped school for the Arsenal Academy after it snapped him up for its young Gunners training programme.

The 6ft 3in goalie been signed up into a full-time role at the academy in Shenley where he will continue his studies.

Ryan, 15, said a fond farewell to students and staff at The Charles Dickens School in Broadstairs which has allowed him to leave a year earlier at the end of Year 10.

Headteacher Andrew Olsson

said: "We may have another young England keeper in the mould of Joe Hart – we certainly would not stand in his way and we have worked with Arsenal to ensure his education continues."

Sports master Gary McClellan said: "Youth development is run by Arsenal's former Ireland international midfielder Liam Brady. He knows just about all there is to know about the game. His passion is obvious and a young sportsman like Ryan could not be in a better place."



**SAFE PAIR OF HANDS:** Liam Brady with goalie Ryan Huddart

### Students get union trophy for debate on improving transport

MIDKENT College Students' Union has won an award from the National Union of Students for its efforts in improving local transport.

Last March the SU hosted a travel debate to enable students to air their grievances in public, resulting in bus company Arriva launching several new services to the Medway Campus.

The project had already earned the union second place in the House of Commons Speaker's School Council Awards, but there was further success for the students when they won Campaign of the Year at the annual NUS Awards.

Former SU president James Phillips, who chaired the travel debate, said: "We are really pleased the student voice at MidKent College is being listened to by Arriva, and the hard work of our volunteers has been recognised by the National Union of Students."

"We are thankful to all of those who have supported us in this process. For me personally this was a fantastic way to end my term as Students' Union president."

Topics covered at the travel debate included the scrapping of the Education Maintenance Allowance, the rising cost of public transport



**WINNERS:** Former SU president James Phillips (right) with his successor Matt Stanley

and problems with existing student travel schemes.

Medway councillors Vince Maple, Andrew Mackness and Geoff Juby participated in the event, as did Gillingham MP Rehman Chishti and representatives of train company Southeastern.

### Young science star wins month-long study trip to famous Israeli institute

A SEVENOAKS schoolgirl has been named as one of 10 top science students from around the UK who have been awarded scholarships to attend a month-long programme at the prestigious Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

Catherine Xu from Sevenoaks School will spend three weeks working with Weizmann Institute scientists on current research in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, or mathematics and computer science.

Their time at the institute will be followed by a week of travelling around Israel.

The participants were picked from more than 30 applicants. After a lengthy application process, their passion for science showed these students to be the perfect candidates to join 80 other future scientists from around the world.

Applications for the 2013 programme open in October, 2012, and forms will be available from [www.weizmann.org.uk](http://www.weizmann.org.uk).

Weizmann UK – formerly known as the Weizmann Institute Foundation – was established in the UK in 1950 as part of the global network of 17 countries, which stimulate support for the awareness of the Weizmann Institute, its research programmes, scientists and development projects.

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Horizon Care is an energetic, progressive and one of the most innovative providers of young people's residential care in the UK, and provides the highest level of care by the use of the best resources available.

We have a number of positions available within our residential homes in Deal, Margate and Ramsgate and are looking for the right, enthusiastic people to join Horizon Care and move forward with us in our future plans.

**Senior Residential Care Workers:**

(Mandatory requirement: NVQ Level 3 Health and Social Care (children) or equivalent)  
Should have at least 2 years experience of working with or caring for young people (10-16 years old) in small group residential settings. There will be opportunities for the right people to be involved in the continuing development of the homes standards and provisions of services. Successful candidates will be highly motivated to develop and maintain relationships with young people and their families and engage with local agencies and community.

- Direct work with the residents including keyworking and generally taking an active part in their daily lives.
- Contact and dialogue with Social Services personnel and outside agencies who have an involvement in the project or interest in its residents.
- Taking responsibility for the welfare of the home with regard to health and safety and primary care issues, as well as making autonomous decisions about individual residents requests and behaviour whilst on shift.

**Residential Care Workers - qualified and unqualified:**

Working as part of a close-knit team within one of our residential homes, you will assist in the everyday and personal care, education and treatment of young people.

We are looking for motivated and committed individuals, with a calm approach. Experience of working with children and young people or in residential care is desirable but not essential as personality and ability are important factors and all training will be provided to suitable applicants. You must be able to work as a team member, on your own initiative and to high standards. Good interpersonal and communication skills are essential.

For all of the above positions the following criteria apply:

- must hold a full UK driving licence
- be over the age of 21
- successful applicants are required to provide an enhanced disclosure and satisfactory references. Disclosure expense will be met by employer.
- Must be prepared to work shifts (including sleepovers) on a rota basis

In the first instance please forward your full cv via email to: [jean.ingham@horizoncare.co.uk](mailto:jean.ingham@horizoncare.co.uk)  
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**Raymond Beer & Co****CONVEYANCING SECRETARY/ASSISTANT**

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### THANET COLLEGE RAISING ASPIRATIONS - DEVELOPING SKILLS - DELIVERING QUALITY

We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY OFFICER

We are looking for an exceptional individual who will coordinate and lead staff development and equality activities and initiatives within the organisation. You will have experience of researching and delivering innovative and effective staff development solutions combined with a good working knowledge of equality legislation.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £31,984 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 36 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Monday 30th July 2012

#### COMMERCIAL CATERING CHEF

To support and develop all catering commercial operations of the College, providing excellent customer service and value for money.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £24,000 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 26 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Monday 6th August 2012

For further information about us and an application form please visit our website [www.thanet.ac.uk](http://www.thanet.ac.uk) or if you require assistance please telephone our application line on (01843) 605052.

Closing date: Wednesday 18th July 2012

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## Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

### Human Resources Advisor (Fixed term contract for one year)

Ref: TSN17

Salary: £30,062 - £37,253 (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
37 hours per week  
Medway Campus

We are looking to recruit a Human Resources Advisor who will help deliver our operational commitment on a number of projects.

You will provide comprehensive Human Resources (HR) advice and guidance to the Campus Senior Leadership Team, Managers and staff and actively participate in development of employment policies. In addition, you will lead on staff consultation processes, people planning and change management processes. As an HR generalist you will engage with our stakeholders to enhance and support the delivery of key HR projects, therefore knowledge and experience of pay evaluations schemes would be advantageous.

The ideal candidate for this role will be CIPD qualified and have experience of working in unionised environments. The person will have a track record delivering professional HR advice and support and be able to demonstrate that they have the knowledge and experience to improve the performance of the HR function.

For an informal discussion please contact Ian Johnston, Head of Human Resources on 01634 383601.

**Closing date: Thursday 19 July 2012 at 12 noon**

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer



### Post: 2 x Additional Carer Support Workers

Starting salary £17,574 per annum  
37.5 hrs per week

One year fixed term (possibility to extend  
subject to longer-term funding)

The organisation provides support, advice and information to people over the age of 18 who care (unpaid) for a relative or friend; we are partly funded by Social Services and The Primary Care Trust.

**Carer Support Worker:** We are looking for a confident, versatile, sensitive and articulate person who will work with us to support Carers and to develop and deliver new services across the locality. Your main role will be to provide support and information to Carers on the phone or to those calling in at our Carers' Centre. You will also liaise with other agencies, make and take referrals, facilitate, develop and deliver outreach services and events.

This position is mainly office based, however you will be required to travel outside the office to attend meetings, complete one to one Carer's Assessments in clients' homes, to deliver outreach services and represent the organisation at external events. A full driving licence and your own transport are essential.

For an application pack, please write to:

Tricia Cole CEO

Carers' Support - Dover District & Thanet  
80 Middle Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6HL  
or email: [tricia@carers-doverdistrict.org](mailto:tricia@carers-doverdistrict.org)

Closing date: For returned applications by Monday 6th August 2012

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Cliftonville, Kent, CT9 2QT

or via email [sarahs@kentdefence.co.uk](mailto:sarahs@kentdefence.co.uk)

Closing date 17th August.

No agencies please.

### SOUND TRAINING FOR READING are recruiting SUPPLY TEACHERS

to deliver our innovative reading programme in primary and secondary schools in East Kent. Candidates will be fully qualified teachers with excellent all-round communication skills and the motivation to engage successfully with pupils. We will provide training, teaching resources, school contracts and a competitive daily rate. All candidates must hold a valid UK driving licence.

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## Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

### A Level Lecturer 30 hours per week

Ref: P0441

Salary: £26,336 - £30,118 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Medway Campus

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic teacher to join our A levels and Access team. The successful candidate will teach on Level 2 and Level 3 programmes across a range of subjects including Government & Politics and History. The applicant will hold a relevant degree and have or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

### Student Financial Support Advisor Part-time, 18.5 hours per week

Ref: P0256

Salary: £15,891 - £17,050 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Medway/Maidstone Campus

We are looking to recruit an excellent candidate to provide friendly and approachable assistance to students throughout the College. The successful candidate will process applications to the student support funds, administer the resulting awards and communicate the outcomes to students and college departments via telephone, email and post. The ideal candidate will have proven experience within a customer service environment and a Level 2 qualification in business admin or equivalent.

### Recruitment Assistant

Ref: P0028

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Full time, based at Medway campus but part-time at Maidstone campus

The College is looking to recruit an exceptional individual to assist and support in the operation of the Job Shop services, developing strong links with local employers to establish employment opportunities for students. The successful candidate will provide generalist advice to teaching and support staff in line with the College and departmental procedures and assist in the day to day running of the Job Shop, a front line customer service role. Experience within a sales or marketing role is desirable.

### Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0605

Salary: £26,336 - £30,118 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Full time, Medway

We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic and forward-thinking individual who has both the industrial knowledge and experience of working within the FE sector to deliver Motor Vehicle in the new training facilities at our Medway Campus. The post will require an effective team player who is innovative and flexible to respond to the demands of the curriculum. You will have at least a Level 3 qualification or equivalent in Automotive Engineering and a relevant teaching qualification or have a willingness to undertake a formal teaching qualification to the required national standards. Level 2 English and Mathematics qualifications are essential as is a commitment to student success. Recent experience of teaching young people from Entry 3 to Level 2 would be an advantage.

### Technician/Instructor in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0604

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Full-time, Medway

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced technician to support the curriculum and workshop activities within the new Motor Vehicle facilities at our Medway campus. As well as a relevant vocational qualification you will have an Assessors Award, Health and Safety qualification and First Aid qualification or willingness to work towards these. This exciting post requires effective planning and organisational skills and the ability to work flexibly and reliably with minimum supervision.

### Hourly paid Lecturer in Art and Design

Ref: SESS

Hourly Rate: £23.44 - £24.30 (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Maidstone Campus

The College is seeking an outstanding candidate to deliver Level 2 and 3 courses across a wide range of Art subjects, including print making. The successful candidate must have a degree in Art and Design, and experience in teaching, holding or willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are looking for an interactive team member with strong communication skills.

### Quality Coordinator

Ref: P0607

Salary: £24,842 - £31,516 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)  
Part-time, 14.8 hours per week

We are seeking to appoint a Quality Co-ordinator to be responsible for the quality assurance of off-site vocational provision delivered by the College and its partner organisations. Reporting to the Assistant Principal - Standards and Quality Improvement, you will make an important contribution to the monitoring and development of the College's quality improvement procedures and initiatives in a variety of settings away from the College's main sites in Medway and Maidstone. You will have a thorough understanding of the assessment processes of vocational provision.

**Closing date: 12 noon Thursday 26 July 2012**

For an application pack and further details visit [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk) or e mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk).  
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#### WORK PLACE INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE BROKER FIXED TERM FOR ONE YEAR

Responsible for Employer Engagement, Guidance and Work Place Learning Brokerage.

The role attracts a salary scale of £22,289 - £26,408 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 26 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

**Interview date: 8th August 2012**

#### ASSISTANT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

Responsible for the supervision of the Finance Assistants and the nominal ledger and balance sheet.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £23,040 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

#### ASSISTANT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT/PAYROLL

To prepare the College monthly accounts and other ad-hoc reports as required. To administrate and process the College payroll, including production of annual returns for pensions and PAYE.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £20,246 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

#### PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ensure adherence to purchasing policies, to maximise value for money and to realise savings and benefits available to the College from purchasing activities.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £20,246 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 25 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

**Interview Date: Wednesday 1st August 2012**

**For further information about us and an application form please visit our website [www.thanet.ac.uk](http://www.thanet.ac.uk) or if you require assistance please telephone our application line an (01843) 605052.**

**Closing date: Wednesday 25th July 2012**

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The Spencer Private Hospital is the independently owned and managed 22 bed private hospital situated on the QEOM Hospital site. We also have a 4 bed unit at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. The continuing growth of our business has resulted in vacancies for the following staff:

#### Staff Nurse Outpatients (Margate)

Part-time position available 20 hrs per week

Specialist interest in Bariatric nursing desirable

##### Qualifications

Registered Nurse 1st Level

Evidence of continual professional development

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:-  
Carolyn Flegg - Senior Staff Nurse on 01843 234555 Ext: 63425

#### Staff Nurse Outpatients (Ashford)

Part-time position available 20 hrs per week

##### Qualifications

Registered Nurse 1st Level

Evidence of continual professional development

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:-  
Mary Guarnieri - Matron on 01843 234252

#### Staff Nurse (Margate)

Full or Part-time position available

##### Qualifications

Registered Nurse 1st Level

Evidence of continual professional development

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact  
Mary Guarnieri - Matron on 01843 234252

**Closing date for all applications - 27th July 2012**

For job description and application form please contact:-

**Jo Edwards, East Kent Medical Services Ltd  
Spencer Private Hospital, Ramsgate Road  
Margate, Kent CT9 4BG**

**Telephone: 01843 234556 Fax: 01843 296333  
E-mail: [jo.edwards@thespencerwng.com](mailto:jo.edwards@thespencerwng.com)**

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## LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12

Each year the Council's Accounts are audited and any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts related to them. For the year ended 31st March 2012 these documents will be available on application to the Finance Manager at the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford (01233 330540) between 9am and 4.30pm, weekdays from 11th July 2012 to 8th August 2012. Local Government elections for the Council's area and their representatives also have:

- (1) the right to question the Auditor about the Accounts.
- (2) the right to attend before the Auditor and make objections to the Accounts on any items in them. Written notice of an objection must first be sent to the Auditor. The audit is being carried out by Mr Andy Mack, District Auditor, Audit Commission c/o 4th Floor, "B" Block, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ and will be conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003.

The auditor can be contacted at the above address from Thursday 9th August 2012 until the audit is completed.

## MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND  
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004  
APPROVED PREMISES FOR  
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Chartwell, Mapleton Road, Westerham**

Applicant: **Beverley Hunt**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley  
Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives  
Kent History and Library Centre  
James Whatman Way  
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ

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Name of Premises: **The Marquis at Alkham, Alkham Valley Road, Alkham**

Applicant: **Ben Walton**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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## PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## Application for a new Premises Licence

We, Lower Lines Park Trust hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Medway Council for grant of a premises licence to permit the following licensable activities;

1. The provision of regulated entertainment

In respect of the moated area and central plateau at Lower Lines Park situated at Medway Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1FN and known as Lower Lines Park.

The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Unit, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR during normal office hours (website address [www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk)).

Any person wishing to make representation concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 2nd August 2012.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW  
8 Grassmere,  
Leybourne,  
West Malling  
Kent. ME19 5QP

Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

## PLANNING

## Public Notice

8 July 2012



## Local Government Act 1972 – Section 123(2A) (as inserted by the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980)

## Proposed disposals of land or interests in land at the following addresses, which are designated as public open spaces

Canterbury City Council hereby give notice of their intention to dispose of interests in land designated as public open spaces, as set out below:

100 square metres of land adjacent to the south-east corner of the car park in Victoria Recreation Ground, Canterbury

24 square metres of land adjacent to 35 Thistle Drive in Church Lane, Seasalter

3 square metres of land north-west of the entrance to Reculver Caravan Park, east of Reculver Lane, Herne Bay

3.053 hectares of land north of the junction of Hampton Avenue with Western Esplanade at Hampton Pier, Herne Bay

1170 linear metres of land along Rhodaus Tunn, Pin Hill, west of Rheims Way and south of Queens Avenue, Canterbury (KPSN cable trench route south and south-west of the city)

5 square metres of land adjacent to the former Wincheap public conveniences, Canterbury

1.765 hectares of land at Burton Down recreation ground, Thundersland Road, Herne Bay

Plans showing these areas may be inspected at the Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays and at the council's divisional office at William Street, Herne Bay between the hours of 8.45am and 4.45pm Mondays to Fridays.

Anyone wishing to make objections to the proposed disposals, should make them in writing, stating the disposal objected to, to Tricia Marshall, Director of Resources, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW so as to arrive not later than Monday 6 August 2012.

Colin Carmichael  
Chief Executive  
Canterbury City Council  
Military Road  
Canterbury CT1 1YW



## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

## PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

## REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 30 JULY 2012

SW/12/0647: Change of use of part of A1 farm shop to A3 cafe and A5 hot food takeaway, with restrictive hours and change of use of farm shop storage area to A1 retail. Provision of timber deck/terrace - Bredgar Farm Shop, The Street, BREDGAR; REASON 1 & 2

SW/12/0685: Mixed development comprising a total of 53 dwellings made up of 30 no. two, three and four bedroom dwellings and 23 no. one and two bedroom flats along with provision of a Health Centre, Commercial Unit and associated roads, services and landscaping - Area R3 & R5, The Meads, Jacinth Drive, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 3

SW/12/0809: Erection of a new agricultural building to house livestock - Ham Farm, Ham Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 2

SW/12/0818 & SW/12/0819: Removal of existing conservatory and erection of garden room and storm porch - Church Farm House, Church Hill, HERNHILL; REASON 1 & 2

SW/12/0826: Demolition of part single storey rear projection and two storey rear extension - Whittings Cottage, THROWLEY; REASON 1

SW/12/0832: Change of use of agricultural land to a mixed agricultural/equestrian use. Construction of stabling, tack room and fodder store. Construction of an all weather ménage - Land at Broomfield Barn, Uples Road, OARE; REASON 4

SW/12/0851: Use as house in multiple occupation for up to 16 farm workers - Sandhole Bungalow, Kemsdale Road, HERNHILL; REASON 6

SW/12/0855: Proposed removal and replacement of existing storage and maintenance barn with larger existing storage and maintenance barn with logs sawing and wood storage - Simel House, Minching Wood Lane, MILSTEAD; REASONS 3 & 4

SW/12/0867: Four bedroom detached house with associated parking - Land adj to 157 Peregrine Drive, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 4

SW/12/0869 & SW/12/0870: Conversion of loft area and installing 4 new dormers - Oak Manor, High Oak Hill, NEWINGTON; REASON 1

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

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Head of Planning

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## Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

- CA/12/00822/FUL: 34 St Peters Street, Canterbury, CT1 2BG Installation of new shop front, rear extension and alterations to the roof to facilitate new sandwich/coffee bar. Applicant: Mr Tekagac Reason: Setting listed building in conservation area.
- CA/12/00823/LB: 34 St Peters Street, Canterbury, CT1 2BG Installation of new shop front, rear extension and alterations to rear roof and internal alterations. Applicant: Mr Tekagac Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/12/00925/FUL: 35 Albert Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HS Demolition of flat roof extension and erection of replacement single-storey extension. Applicant: Mr Bean Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00970/FUL: Rodney House, 10-16 Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3BE Installation of air-conditioning unit. Applicant: Mr Healey Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
- CA/12/00971/LB: Rodney House, 10-16 Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3BE Installation of air-conditioning unit and internal alterations. Applicant: Mr Healey Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/12/01108/FUL: Herne Bay Court, Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5TD Formation of new access linked with closure of the existing accesses. (Renewal of permission CA/09/00019/FUL). Applicant: Centre Ministries Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01117/FUL: St Edmunds School, St Thomas Hill, Canterbury, CT2 8HU Five dormer windows on the south west slope of the north east wing to the old school. Applicant: Ms J Black Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
- CA/12/01118/TPO: 4 Mill Hamlet, Mill Close, Wickhambreux, CT3 1RF Crown reduction of Silver Birch T1 of TPO No 1 of 1980. Applicant: Mr Bolton Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01125/ADV: Prezzo, 3 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AP Internally illuminated panel over main entrance, two externally illuminated projecting signs, two internally illuminated menu cases and four planters with non-illuminated lettering/logos. (Retrospective application). Applicant: Prezzo Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01131/FUL: 15 Elizabeth Court, 189 Old Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3BZ Repositioning of dormer and insertion of four rooflights on north west elevation. Applicant: Mr C Bray Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01163/LB: St Edmunds School, St Thomas Hill, Canterbury, CT2 8HU Five dormer windows on the south west slope of the north east wing to the old school. Applicant: Ms J Black Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to [development.management@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.management@canterbury.gov.uk) to arrive on or before Monday 6 August 2012.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration  
Friday 13 July 2012

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 12/01668/HOUSE** **Castle Hill Cottage Crook Road, Brenchley**  
- Demolition of garage, erection of garden shed, relocation of oil tank (LB)
- 12/01839/LBC** **The Schools At Somerhill Somerhill, Cape**  
I- Listed Building Consent: Dismantle and reconstruct bridge over sunken lane (LB)
- 12/01815/FUL** **Sissinghurst Primary School The Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**  
- Partial demolition of residential school buildings, change of use and conversion of former primary school to 3 residential units and community use hall and erection of 4 x 3 bed houses and 2 x 2 bed houses (CA) (LB)
- 12/01585/FUL** **Trinity Theatre & Arts Association Church Road, Culverden**  
- Installation of two 1.2m satellite dishes on the clocktower (CA) (LB)
- 12/01586/LBC** **Trinity Theatre & Arts Association Church Road, Culverden**  
- Listed Building Consent: Installation of two 1.2m satellite dishes on the clocktower (LB)
- 12/01859/HOUSE** **Gable Cottage Rogers Rough Road, Goudhurst**  
- Conversion of garage to living accommodation, front porch and rear conservatory (CA)
- 12/01893/FULMJ** **1 - 11 Highgate Mews Hawkhurst, Hawkhurst**  
- Removal of Condition 6 of TW/05/00472 - (Construction of semi-detached, detached, terraced and flats. Conversion and extension of Leonards to flats) relating to re-location of retaining wall and construction of footway (MAJOR) (CA)
- 12/01841/LBC** **The Lindens Rectory Park Road, Horsmonden**  
- Listed Building Consent: To retain removal of damp concrete floors and reconstruction in concrete to contain damp proof membrane; remove block walls in kitchen; install new boiler; replacement of 3 No windows to North elevation; boarding over lath and plaster wall in bathroom and rearrangement of bathroom to include shower already carried out (LB)
- 12/01743/HOUSE** **Pittsgate Oast Goudhurst Road, Lamberhurst**  
- Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (LB)
- 12/01824/FUL** **Troika International 14B Chapel Place, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Change of use and conversion of first and second floor premises from offices to residential accommodation providing 1 x 2 bedroom flat and 2 x 1 bedroom flats (CA) (LB)
- 12/01903/LBC** **25 High Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Listed Building Consent: alter layout of the property by adding removable studwork to create separate rooms. Remove and re-locate a staircase from the ground floor to the first floor, and re-instate the stairwell and staircase from the basement floor to the ground floor (LB)
- 12/01882/FUL** **34 Camden Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**  
- Replacement shop front (CA)
- 12/01898/FUL** **Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Calverley Terrace, Park**  
- Change of use of council property office to an ambulance community response post (CA) (LB)
- 12/01757/HOUSE** **The Malt House Queen Street, Sandhurst**  
- Garden room, internal alterations to first floor bathroom and staircase, replacement window to first floor bedroom to east elevation and velux window to south elevation (LB)
- 12/01759/LBC** **The Malt House Queen Street, Sandhurst**  
- Listed Building Consent: Garden room, internal alterations to first floor bathroom and staircase, replacement window to first floor bedroom to east elevation and velux window to south elevation (LB) (DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROV) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgegates.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgegates.gov.uk)), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgegates.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgegates.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
Head of Planning Services  
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 14 July 2012



THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Town and Country Planning Act  
Notice of Applications

- MA/12/0551/S** - LAND REAR OF LADY JANE PUB, CHURCH GREEN, MARDEN, KENT - An outline application with only access and scale to be considered at this stage for the erection of 8 cottages with occupation limited to over 55 years old. Creation of 3 additional parking spaces to provide 9 car spaces in total. **Reason: 2**
- MA/12/0678/S** - OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 QJL - Change of use of first floor to residential, installation of internal doorways, stud walls and mezzanine floors, installation of roof lights and creation of first floor balcony. **Reason: 1, 2**
- MA/12/0679/S** - OLD SCHOOL HALL, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 QJL - An application for listed building consent for the change of use of first floor to residential, installation of internal doorways, stud walls and mezzanine floors and installation of roof lights. **Reason: 3**
- MA/12/1042/S** - 3, NEW INN COTTAGES, FORGE LANE, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 OHN - Replacement rear dormer window and installation of roof window to front. **Reason: 2**
- MA/12/1073/S** - HILLSIDE, HAYLE PLACE, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DW - Application for conservation area consent to demolish conservatory. **Reason: 4**
- MA/12/1081/N** - KENT MUSIC SCHOOL, ASTLEY HOUSE, HASTINGS ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 7SG - Variation of condition 6 of approval of reserved matters MA/11/1202 to substitute drawing no. 14386PA/3200revC4 for the previous plan 2143-02revD to allow for revised external surface materials to the access road. (MA/11/1202: Application for approval of reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission MA/10/0594 seeking approval for the erection of 25 two, three and four bedroom dwellings with associated parking and access roads). **Reason: 6**
- MA/12/1098/S** - BEULTSIDE, LEES ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HB - Rear extension and alterations. **Reason: 2**
- MA/12/1107/S** - BEALE FARM, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9LT - Installation of a new packaged sewage treatment plant to replace existing septic tank. **Reason: 1**
- MA/12/1141/S** - THE GRANARY, GRANARY FIELDS, COLLIER STREET, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9RR - Two storey rear extension with associated parking and creation of a new access involving demolition of piggyery building. **Reason: 1**
- MA/12/1155/S** - HAYLE COTTAGE, HAYLE PLACE, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DW - Application for listed building consent for the erection of a two storey side extension, insertion of new pitched roof to flat roof, lantern and parapet to roof of conservatory, erection of railings and new porch canopy to front and alterations to fenestration. **Reason: 3**
- MA/12/1170/N** - 3, ABBEY COURT COTTAGES, BOARLEY LANE, SANDLING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3BU - Single-storey rear extension. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **15th July 2012**, quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 29th July 2012



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

- Y11/0994/SH** - Cage Farm Stowling Hill Stowling Ashford Kent - Erection of a detached annexe building, following demolition of existing outbuilding.
- Y11/0995/SH** - Cage Farm Stowling Hill Stowling Ashford Kent - Listed building consent for demolition of existing curtilage outbuilding.
- Y12/0593/SH+** - Hythe Lawn Tennis Club Twiss Road Hythe Kent - Construction of an extension to the existing car park area, together with associated landscaping works.
- Y12/0583/SH\*** - 24 High Street New Romney Kent TN28 8BY - Listed Building Consent for replacement window to front elevation first floor.
- Y12/0605/SH#** - 1 Skinner Road Lydd Romney Marsh Kent TN29 9DD - Felling of a Sycamore tree subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 2012.
- Y12/0606/SH+** - The Field Rectory Lane Saltwood Hythe Kent - Works to trees situated within a conservation area comprising of:- the felling of a Cherry tree followed by the planting of a replacement tree, reduction in height by 0.3m and reshape of a Holly and reduction in height by 1.7m and spread by 1m of two Oak trees.
- Y12/0607/SH+** - Flat 1 The Field Rectory Lane Saltwood Hythe - Felling of a Whitebeam tree followed by the planting of a replacement tree, together with the reduction in height of a Maple tree by 1 metre, all situated within a conservation area.
- Y12/0556/SH#** - Ground Floor Business Premises 1 High Street Lydd Romney Marsh Kent - yChange of use of part of ground floor from a shop (Class A1) to residential use (Class C3).
- Y12/0608/SH#** - Links Cottage Madeira Road Littlestone New Romney Kent - Felling of an Oak tree situated within a conservation area.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk). Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- # - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney
- + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (\*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning  
Shepway District Council

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND  
COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT  
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)  
ORDER 2010

**KCC/MA/0199/2012 - Proposed development at St Augustine Academy, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8AE.**

KCC Property & Infrastructure is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the reorganisation of the main academy campus to include demolition of the east block and erection of a new two storey teaching building, retention of the west block, general teaching block and general purpose hall, provision of a new, two court, floodlit multi use games area, 59 car parking spaces, 56 cycle parking spaces, 6 motor cycle parking spaces and 1 mini bus parking space and provision of associated hard and soft landscaping. Creation of a new surfaced car parking area on academy land to the north of the main campus to provide 28 car parking spaces with associated hard and soft landscaping.

You may view this application at Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ.

**KCC/SW/0178/2012 - Proposed development at Unit 17, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8SR**

Countrystyle Recycling Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for change of use from wood storage building to wood shredding and wood storage in external yard.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications](http://www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications) or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

**Sharon Thompson**  
Head of Planning  
Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
Dated: 15 July 2012



Canterbury  
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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Canterbury City Council will be held at The Guildhall, Westgate, Canterbury at 7pm on Thursday 19 July 2012.

**Colin Carmichael**  
Chief Executive  
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**PROW - BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE****NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981  
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH KH555A (PART) CHART SUTTON)  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP  
AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 04 July 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath numbered KH555a which commences at NGR TQ 7916 4937 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in an east south-easterly direction for 136 metres to NGR TQ 7929 4933 (Point B) and to provide a new length of Public Footpath numbered KH555a with a width of 2.0 metres which commences at NGR TQ 7916 4937 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in an east north-easterly direction for 144 metres to NGR TQ 7929 4943 (Point C).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ or at the Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. A copy of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 1 August 2012, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 15 July 2012, make an application to the High Court.

**PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE****NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZSX39  
IN THE PARISH OF SHEERNESS****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZSX39, SHEERNESS)****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1),  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath ZSX39 between Granville Road and Millennium Way from the 6th July 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that work will start immediately and should take no more than 5 days.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Granville Road and Rose Street to Millennium Way

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR88  
IN THE PARISH OF IWADE****PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR88, IWADE****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1),  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath ZR88 (Saxon Shore Way) between NGR TQ 894 708 just south of Cods Creek and NGR TQ 895 706, a distance of approximately 150 metres from the 1st August 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen after 2 months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is adjacent to the path and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR193 (PART) TONGE)  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP  
AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 27 June 2012 an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath numbered ZR193 which commences at NGR TQ 9356 6311 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a northerly direction for 68 metres to NGR TQ 9355 6318 (Point B), and then in a west north-westerly direction for 148 metres to join with Hempstead Lane at NGR TQ 9341 6323 (Point C) and will provide a new length of Public Footpath numbered ZR193 with a width of 2 metres which commences at NGR 9356 6311 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a generally west north- westerly direction for approximately 180 metres to join with Hempstead Lane at NGR TQ 9339 6316 (Point D).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. A copy of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 25 July 2012, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 15 July 2012, make an application to the High Court.

**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR194  
IN THE PARISH OF TONGE****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR194, TONGE)****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1),  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath ZR194 between Panteny Lane and Dully Road, Tonge from the 30th July 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen after 2 months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

**PROW - DISTRICT OF THANET****NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH TR34 AT NEWINGTON, RAMSGATE)  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND  
STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 3 July 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 257 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

The effect of the Order will be to divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath TR34, which commences at NGR TR 3675 6632 (point A on the Order plan) and runs in an east-north-easterly direction for 33 metres to its connection with Newington Road at NGR TR 3678 6633 (point B), and will add a new length of public footpath numbered TR34 with a width of 1.8 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point A and runs in an east-south-easterly direction for 33 metres to its connection with Newington Road at NGR TR 3678 6631 (point C).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Gateway Plus, Thanet District Council, Thanet Highway Unit, Council Offices, P.O. Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX (Tel: 01622 696871), during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on the date on which the Kent County Council certify that the terms of Article 2 of the Order have been complied with, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to confirmation of the Order, he or she may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes under Section 287 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six weeks of the date on which Notice is first published as required by paragraph (7) (8) of Schedule 14 to that Act.

**PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF  
TONBRIDGE & MALLING & GRAVESHAM  
& MEDWAY UNITARY AUTHORITY****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(BYWAYS OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC (BOATS) MR45A,  
SNODLAND AND NS245 & NS221, LUDESDOWN )  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2012****THE MEDWAY COUNCIL****(BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC (BOAT) RS221 &  
CHAPEL LANE (PART) HALLING)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2012  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that The Kent County Council and Medway Council in exercise of their powers under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 have made Experimental Orders the effect of which will be to prohibit vehicle access to BOATs MR45A, Snodland and NS245 & NS221 Luddesdown, BOAT RS221 and Chapel Lane (part) Halling for the purposes of preventing damage to the highways, preserving the character of the highways and protecting and enhancing the amenity of the area.

Exemptions are provided in the Orders in relation to:-

1. enabling work to be carried out on or adjacent to the BOATs;
2. use by the emergency services and by any local authority or water authority.

3. use by owners of premises adjacent to, or which are only accessed via, the BOATs.
4. non-motorised vehicles, excluding horse drawn carriages.
5. parties who on application have been issued with a permit to access BOATs .

The Experimental Orders will come into operation on the 23 July 2012 and will operate for a period not exceeding 18 months. The Kent County Council and Medway Council will consider whether the provisions of the experimental orders should be continued in force indefinitely and if on deciding that the experiment has been successful a further notice shall be published announcing the making of permanent Traffic Regulation Orders.

Documents giving more detailed particulars including a copy of the Orders, explanatory statements and a map showing the extent of the restrictions may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Offices, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent, ME19 4LZ, Gravesham Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU and Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR.

Anyone wishing to support or object to the proposals in relation to Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) MR45A, Snodland and NS245 & NS221, Luddesdown may do so in writing quoting the name of the Order and Reference No. CAS/GDR/12/BWG5&6 to Graham Rusling, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX stating their reasons, within six months of the Order coming into force, or if that Order is varied or modified within six months of that date.

Anyone wishing to support or object to the proposals in relation to Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) RS221 and Chapel Lane (part) Halling may do so in writing quoting the name of the Order and Reference No. [Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) RS221 & Chapel Lane (part) Halling] (Prohibition Of Driving) Experimental Order 2012 ] to Medway Council, Regeneration, Community and Culture, Civic Headquarters, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR, stating their reasons, within six months of the Order coming into force, or if that Order is varied or modified within six months of that date.

Anyone wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any of their provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

**Countryside Access Service  
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Invicta House  
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Kent  
ME14 1XX**

**Dated: 15th July 2012**

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HIGHWAYS

OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

**OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY, KENT**  
**(TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**(AS AMENDED BY THE LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND**  
**PARALYMPIC GAMES ACT 2006)**

To facilitate the holding of the Olympic Torch Relay through Kent, and in the interests of road safety, Kent County Council has made an Order placing restrictions on traffic, as defined below.

This Order comes into force on or after 16 July 2012 and will be in force when indicated by signage, and/or as directed by a uniformed Police Officer.

The main effects of the Order are to prohibit traffic on the roads and adjoining junctions of roads which form part of the Olympic Torch Relay Route.

Closures will be on a rolling basis, starting with the first vehicle of the torch activation convoy, and ending once the flame convoy has passed through.

It is anticipated that closures will normally last no longer than 30 minutes.

For operational or security reasons, additional restrictions may be imposed or minor variations made by Kent Police, in the interests of safety to the torch and to the public.

Because of the nature of the closures, it is not practical to recommend alternative routes and motorists are advised to plan their journeys in advance to minimise the impact of the torch relay on their journey.

The Olympic Torch Route can be viewed on [www.london2012.com/torch-relay/route](http://www.london2012.com/torch-relay/route). Closures are listed here on a day by day basis, in the order they are due to occur, with approximate timings.

Some are also some additional restrictions and road closures which are described as and where they occur, within the Schedule below.

TUESDAY 17TH JULY 2012

TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

Estimated arrival time 11.20am

SPELDHURST

A264 Ashurst Hill, Ashurst Road and A264 Langton Road

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

A264 Langton Road, A264 Bishops Down, A264 Mount Ephraim, A26 Grosvenor Road, A26 Upper Grosvenor Road, A26 Meadow Road, A26 Goods Station Road, A26 Mount Pleasant Road, B2023 High Street, A26 London Road, The Pantiles, Linden Park Road and A26 Eridge Road

Additional Road Closure

**High Street, Tunbridge Wells** will be closed for its entire length from 8.00 am until 12.30 pm.

Estimated time of leaving Tunbridge Wells area, midday

WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY 2012

ASHFORD AREA

Estimated arrival time 10.30am

HAMSTREET

Marsh Road, The Street and Ashford Road

ASHFORD

A2042 Bad Munstereifel Road, Romney Marsh Road Roundabout, Malcolm Sargent Road, Wotton Road, Kingsnorth Road, B2229/A2042 Beaver Road, A292 Elwick Road, Bank Street, High Street, A2042 North Street, A292 Wellesley Road, A292 Mace Lane, A292 Hythe Road, Mabledon Avenue, Essella Road, A292 Hythe Road, Willesborough, A20 Willesborough Interchange, Hythe Road, Mersham and A20 Hythe Road, Smeeth

Estimated time of leaving 12.40pm

Additional Road Closure

**A292 Elwick Road, Ashford** will be closed from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm, or until crowds have dispersed, whichever is sooner.

The closure is between the junctions with Apsley Street and Elwick Road.

There will be a suspension of the No Right Turn Traffic Order in respect of Apsley Street, at its junction with Elwick Road.

The alternative routes are

Eastbound via A292 West Street, Forge Lane, New Street to roundabout and return, Somerset Road, Wellesley Road and Station Road

Westbound via A2042 Station Road, Wellesley Road, A292 Somerset Road, Forge Lane and A292 West Street

SHEPWAY AREA

Estimated arrival time 1.00 pm

SELLINDGE / STANFORD / NEWINGREEN

A20 Ashford Road, A20 Barrow Hill and A20 Ashford Road

A261 Hythe Road, Lympe; A261 London Road, Saltwood

HYTHE

A259 Military Road, Rampart Road, Prospect Road, East Street, Seabrook Road, Sandgate Esplanade and Sandgate High Street

FOLKESTONE

A259 Sandgate Hill, Sandgate Road, Church Street, Rendezvous Street, Bayle Street, The Old High Street, West Terrace, Road of Remembrance, Lower Sandgate Road, Harbour Street, A260 Tontine Street, A2033 Dover Road, A260 Hill Road, A259 Churchill Avenue and A259 Castle Hill Bridge

Estimated time of leaving 2.40pm

DOVER AREA

Estimated time of arrival 6.00pm

DOVER

Prince of Wales Pier, Esplanade, Union Street, A20 Snargate Street, A256 York Street, A256 Priory Road, B2245 Ladywell, A256 Maison Dieu Road, A258 Castle Hill Road, Constables Road, Castle Street, Market Square, King Street and Bench Street.

The Torch will reach the evening celebration at approximately 7.15pm

Additional Closures and Restrictions

**Market Square, Dover** will remain closed for up to an hour after crowds have dispersed, to allow the safe dispersal of spectators.

**Cambridge Road, Dover** will be closed for its entire length from 18 July at midday through until Thursday 19 July at 2.00 am

**Russell Street, Dover** will be closed for its entire length from 18 July at 7.00 pm through until Thursday 19 July at 2.00 am

40 Mph Speed Limit

**A258 Deal Road, Guston** - there will be a temporary 40 mph speed limit from a point 50 metres south of Jubilee Way roundabout to a point 400 metres south of the entrance to Broadlees Farm, from 18 July at 10.30 am through until Thurs 19th July at 2.00 am, as signed on site.

THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2012

DOVER AREA

Estimated start time 8.25 am

DEAL

Beach Street, King Street, High Street, South Street, Sondes Road, A258 Prince of Wales terrace, A258 Deal Castle Road, Gilford Rd, Park Avenue, A258 London Road, Deal /Sholden, A258 Sholden / Hacklinge / Worth and A258 Deal Road, Worth / Sandwich

SANDWICH

New Street, Cattle Market, Harnet Street, Strand Street, High Street, A256 Ramsgate Road

Estimated time of leaving 9.30 am

THANET AREA

Estimated time of arrival 9.45 am

RAMSGATE

Sandwich Road, Ramsgate (Cliffsend), A299/A255 Canterbury Road East, B2054 London Road, B2054 Grange Road, B2054 St Augustine's Road, B2054 Paragon, B2054 Royal Parade, Harbour Street, King Street, A255 Hereson Road

BROADSTAIRS & ST PETER'S

A255 Ramsgate Road, A255 Queen's Road, A255/B2052 High Street, A255 The Broadway, B2053 St Peter's Park Road, Albion Road, Beacon Road, Westover Road and Northdown Hill

MARGATE

B2053 Green Lane, B2051/B2052 Northdown Park Road, B2051 Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Northdown Road, B2055 Trinity Square, Trinity Hill, Hawley Street, Cecil Street, Hawley Square, Churchfields Place, Mill Lane, A255 High Street, Market Street, B2051 The Parade, The Rendezvous, B2051 Marine Drive, A28 Marine Terrace and A28 Canterbury Road.

The torch then follows the A28 from Margate through Westgate on Sea as far as Canterbury Road, Sarre, and A28 Island Road, Sarre

Estimated time of leaving Thanet area 3.00 pm

CANTERBURY AREA

Estimated time of arrival into Canterbury area 3.00 pm

Continuing along the A28 through Upsteet, Hersden, Sturry and Fordwich into Canterbury

CANTERBURY

Northgate, Borough, Palace Street, Sun Street, The Precincts, Buttermarket, Mercy Lane, St Margaret's Street, Castle Street, A28 Tourtel Road, Military Road, Broad Street, Lower Bridge Street, Upper Bridge Street, Rhodaus Town, Pin Hill, Wincheap Green, Wincheap and Thanington Road

Estimated time of leaving 4.40 pm

SWALE AREA

Estimated time of arrival 4.50 pm

A2 London Road, Graveney with Goodnestone

FAVERSHAM

A2 Canterbury Road, B2040 Love Lane, Whitstable Road, East Street, B2041 Newton Road, Preston Street, A251 Station Road, Forbes Road, The Mall, A2 London Road and A251 Ashford Road, Faversham / Sheldwich / Baddlesmere.

Estimated time of leaving 5.40 pm

Additional Closures and Restrictions

The following roads in Faversham will be closed between 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

**Court Street** - from the junction with Crescent Road to the junction with Market Place

**Market Place** - from the junction with Court Street to the junction with Market Street

**Market Street** - from the junction with Market Place to the junction with Preston Street/East Street

**East Street** - from the junction with Preston Street/Market Street to the junction with Newton Road/Crescent Road

**Preston Street** - from the junction with East Street/Market Street to the junction with Station Road/Forbes Road

**Stone Street** - from the junction with Bank Street to the junction with Preston Street

ASHFORD AREA

Estimated arrival time 5.50 pm

A252 Faversham Road, Challock, A252 Canterbury Road, Challock/ Charing, Charing Hill, A20 Maidstone Road, A20 Ashford Road

Estimated time of leaving Ashford Area 6.00 pm

MAIDSTONE AREA

Estimated arrival time 6.20 pm

A20 Ashford Road, Lenham / Harrietsham / Broomfield And Kingswood / Hollingbourne; Broomfield Road, Broomfield And Kingswood

The Torch will reach the evening celebration at approximately 6.45 pm

FRIDAY 20TH JULY 2012

MAIDSTONE AREA

Estimated start time 6.35 am

MAIDSTONE

Moat Avenue, Moat Road, A249 Wat Tyler Way, A20 King Street, High Street, A229 Bishop's Way, Broadway, A229 Mill Street, Fairmeadow, James Whatman Way, A229 Royal Engineers' Road, Chatham Road and Bluebell Hill.

Estimated time of leaving 7.30 am

The torch then travels into the Medway Unitary Authority area before going to Gravesham.

GRAVESHAM AREA

Estimated time of arrival 9.35 am

A226 Gravesend Road, Higham / Shorne,

GRAVESEND

Rochester Road, East Milton Road, Milton Road, Wellington Street, Saddington Street, The Grove, King Street, New Road, A226 Damley Road, Pelham Road, Overcliffe, B261 Old Road West and A227 Wrotham Road

Estimate time of leaving 10.40 am

The torch then travels on the Highways Agency's Trunk Road network, before going into the Sevenoaks Area.

SEVENOAKS AREA

A20 London Road, Farningham, Gorse Hill, Farningham, Scratchers Lane, Fawkham and A20 London Road, West Kingsdown.

TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

Estimated time of arrival 12.00 pm

WROTHAM

A20 London Road, A227 Wrotham By-pass and Borough Green Road

BOROUGH GREEN

Wrotham Road, A227 Western Road and A25 Sevenoaks Road

IGHTHAM

A227 Borough Green Road, Ightham By-pass and Sevenoaks Road

Estimated time of leaving: 12.15 pm

Additional Road Closures

The following roads will be closed between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm

**Borough Green Road, Wrotham** - from the junction with the A227 to the junction with High Street and Western Road, Borough Green

**Western Road, Borough Green** - for its entire length

**High Street, Borough Green** - for its entire length

SEVENOAKS AREA

Estimated time of arrival 12.20 pm

SEAL

A25 Maidstone Road and High Street

SEVENOAKS

A25 Seal Road, A225 St John's Hill, Dartford Road, Holly Bush Lane, A225 High Street, Pembroke Road, A224 London Road and Tubs Hill

RIVERHEAD

A224 London Road, Amherst Hill and Worships Hill Westerham Road, Chevening

Estimated time of leaving 1.15 pm

Additional Road Closure

**Zion Street, Seal** will be closed between 8.00 am and 3.00 pm, from the junction with Church Road to the junction with A25 High Street

The torch then leaves the Kent area to the next community on route, Godstone.

**OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY, KENT**  
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To facilitate the holding of the Olympic Torch Relay through Kent, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting waiting on various roads in Kent, as defined below.

This Order comes into force on or after 16 July 2012 and will be in force when indicated by signage, and/or as directed by a uniformed Police Officer.

Waiting will be prohibited on the lengths of road shown, for the times indicated.

The list is arranged in alphabetical order of district.

ASHFORD

Road Name	Extent of restriction	Date & Times
The Street, Hamstreet	On both sides, between the junctions with Cock Lane (B2067) and Ashford Road	18 July 2012 9.00 am- 11.00 am
Ashford Road, Hamstreet	On both sides, between the junction with Ashford Road and a point in line with the north-western boundary of Hamstreet CP School	18 July 2012 9.00 am- 11.00 am
Beaver Road, Ashford	On both sides, between the junctions with Norman Road (B2229) and Avenue Jacques Faucheux (A2042)	18 July 2012 9.30 am- 11.30 am
Essella Road, Ashford	On both sides, between the junction with Mabledon Avenue and a point in line with the common boundary of 56/58 Essella Road	18 July 2012 10.00 am- 1.00 pm
A251 Faversham Road, Challock	On both sides, between the village sign and its junction with Canterbury Road (A252)	19 July 2012 4.30 pm- 6.30 pm
A252 Canterbury Road, Challock	On both sides, between its junctions with Faversham Road(A251) and High Snoad Wood	19 July 2012 4.30 pm- 6.30 pm

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Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)





SEVENOAKS

Road Name	Extent of restriction	Date & Times
A25 High Street, Seal	On the north side, from a point 5.5 metres east of the junction with the eastern kerb-line of School Lane, eastwards to a point 3 metres west of its junction with the western kerbline of Zion Street, a distance of 50 metres.	20 July 2012 8.00 am 4.00 pm
	On the north side, from a point 1 metre east of the junction with the eastern kerbline of Zion Street, eastwards for a distance of 14 metres.	
	The lay-by on the north side, outside properties 1 to 8 Seal House; from a point 2.1 metres east of the boundary between "Sunnyside" and 1 Seal House to a point 2.3 metres west of the boundary between 8 Seal House and The Library	

SWALE

Road Name	Extent of restriction	Date & Times
East Street, Faversham	On both sides, between the junctions with Newton Road/Crescent Road and St Mary's Road/Orchard Place	-  19 July 2012
Preston Street, Faversham	On the east side between its junctions with Station Road/Forbes Road and Stone Street	0.01 am 7.00 pm

TONBRIDGE & MALLING

Road Name	Extent of restriction	Date & Times
Western Road, Borough Green	On both sides, for its entire length	20 July 2012 8.00 am- 2.00 pm

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Road Name	Extent of restriction	Date & Times
Mount Ephraim Road	Between the junctions with London Road and Culverden Street (North bound only)	17 July 2012
Mount Pleasant Road	Between the junctions with Crescent Road/Church Road and Grove Hill Road	
London Road	Between the junctions with Linden Park Road and Nevill Terrace	
Eridge Road	from junction with Broadwater Lane to Tunbridge Wells Garden Centre	8.00 am- 12.30 pm

District of Canterbury

**PETTMAN CLOSE PATH, HERNE BAY (RESTRICTIONS ON PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**  
Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use of Pettman Close Path, Herne Bay, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.  
Pettman Close Path will be closed for its entire length. The alternative route for pedestrians and cyclists is via Beaumanor, Eddington Lane and Canterbury Road.

**POUND LANE & ST RADIGUND'S STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**  
Because of carriagway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pound Lane & St Radigund's Street, Canterbury, on or after 2 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.  
The roads will be closed in phases from outside 16 Pound Lane as far as the junction with Knotts Lane. The alternative route for through traffic is via The Causeway, St Stephen's Road, B2248 Kingsmead Road, Northgate, (plus eastbound New Ruttington Lane, Union Place and Victoria Row), Borough and St Radigund's Street.

**SLEIGH ROAD, STURRY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**  
Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sleigh Road, Sturry, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.  
The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Island Road, with no through access between Island Road and Cedar Road.  
The alternative route is via A28 Island Road, Homewood Road and Cedar Road.  
Please note that a further closure may be necessary towards the end of September to make final connections, and will be notified nearer the time, if required.

**ST LAWRENCE ROAD, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**  
Because of works to remove an unsafe tree, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Lawrence Road, Canterbury, on or after Sunday 5th August 2012 for up to 1 day, between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm.  
The road will be closed to through traffic for its entire length.  
The alternative route is via A2050 New Dover Road to the roundabout then Old Dover Road.

**VARIOUS ROADS, WHITSTABLE & HERNE BAY (MICRO-SURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Whitstable & Herne Bay, as shown below.  
The Order takes effect on or after 16 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks, or until the works have been completed.  
**SADDLETON ROAD and SYDNEY ROAD, WHITSTABLE** will be closed on 16 and 17 July 2012, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day.  
Only one of the roads will be closed at any one time.  
**Saddleton Road** - closed between Grimshill Road and Sydney Road  
**Sydney Road** - closed between Saddleton Road and Grimshill Road.  
Local diversions will be in place, dependant on the location of the works.  
**CHARLES STREET, HERNE BAY** will be closed on 18 July 2012  
The closure is for its entire length  
The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, High Street, Beach Street, Mortimer Street and William Street  
The side roads joining Charles Street will be closed at their junctions with Charles Street as the works progress.  
The One-way Traffic Orders in respect of Little Charles Street, Cooper's Hill, North Street, Chapel Street and East Street will be suspended to allow access, when the relevant signs are amended.  
**BROOMFIELD ROAD, HERNE and BROOMFIELD** will be closed on 20 July 2012  
The closure is between the junctions with Mill Lane and Margate Road  
The alternative route is via Margate Road, Hunters Forstall Road and Mill Lane

**WINDMILL ROAD, HERNE & BROOMFIELD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**  
Because of carriageway reconstruction works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Windmill Road, Herne & Broomfield, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.  
The road will be closed in the vicinity of property numbers 57-63.  
There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Mount View Road and Sondes Close.  
The alternative route is via Mill Lane and Pigeon Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**BOYES LANE, GOODNESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**  
Because of works to replace telegraph poles, Kent

County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Boyes Lane, Goodnestone, on or after 16 July 2012 for up to 1 day, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.  
The road will be closed between the junctions with Saddlers Hill and Cave Lane.  
The alternative route is via Cave Lane, Buckland Lane and Catsole Hill.

**LEVEL CROSSINGS, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**  
Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various level crossings in Sandwich, as shown below.  
**ASH ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, ASH ROAD, SANDWICH** will be closed from 22 July at 2.00 am through until 23 July 2012 at 4.00 am.  
The alternative route is via Ash Road, A256 Sandwich Bypass, A258 Deal Road, New Street, Harnet Street, Strand Street (plus High Street, The Chain and Galliard Street in reverse) and Ash Road  
**SANDWICH LEVEL CROSSING, NEW STREET, SANDWICH** will be closed in on Tuesday 24 July 2012 from 0.01 am (1 minute past midnight) until 5.00 am  
The alternative route is via New Street, Harnet Street, Strand Street (plus High Street, The Chain and Galliard Street in reverse), Ash Road, A256 Sandwich Bypass, A258 Deal Road and New Street.

**WOODNESBOROUGH ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, SANDWICH** will be closed on Wednesday 25 July 2012 between 0.20 am until 5.15 am.  
The alternative route is via Woodnesborough Road, St Bart's Road, New Street, Cattle Market and Moat Sole (plus Hamett Street, Strand Street, High Street, The Chain and Galliard Street in reverse).

**MARINE PARADE, DOVER (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED BY THE LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ACT 2006)**  
To allow temporary modifications to be carried out to a road junction in connection with holding an Olympic Event, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Marine Parade, Dover, as shown below.  
The planned closures are on Monday 16 July and Friday 20 July 2012.  
The road will be closed at the junction with the A20 Townwall Street.  
The alternative route is via Townwall Street and Wellesley Road.

**SHELVIN FARM ROAD, DENTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**  
Because of carriageway patching and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Shelvin Farm Road, Denton, on or after 16 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.  
The road will be closed between Shelvin Lane and Side Hills.  
The alternative route is via Shelvin Lane, A260 Canterbury Road and Side Hills.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A256 WHITFIELD HILL, DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF U-TURN) ORDER 2012	
Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:	
The effect of the Order introduces a Prohibition of U-turns in the following road:	
Location	Proposal
A256 Whitfield Hill, Dover	From the junction with the A2 to the junction with London Road, River
Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by this	

Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at the Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, Kent  
The Order will be made on 19 July 2012 and will come into operation on 23 July 2012.  
Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make an application to the High Court for this purpose.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO 14) ORDER 2012**  
Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL makes the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:  
The effect of the Order prohibits waiting at any time at the following location:-  
*Astor Avenue, Dover* *On the south side of the road, from the existing 'at any time' waiting restrictions west of the traffic island, in a westerly direction for a distance of 8m.*

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by this Order and a statement of reasons making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent, CT16 3PJ during normal opening hours.  
The Order will be made on 19 July 2012 and will come into operation on 23 July 2012.  
Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make an application to the High Court for this purpose.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO 11) ORDER 2012**  
Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL makes the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:  
The effect of the prohibits waiting at any time at the following locations:-  
*Gardners Close, Ash* *On both sides of the road from the junction with Sandwich Road in a southerly direction for a distance of 15 metres.*  
*Sandwich Road, Ash* *On the south side of the road, from the junction with Gardners Close for 10m in each direction*

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by this Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent, CT16 3PJ during normal opening hours.  
The Order will be made on 19 July 2012 and will come into operation on 23 July 2012.  
Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make an application to the High Court for this purpose.

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## HIGHWAYS

## HIGHWAYS - District of Maidstone

**BOW BRIDGE, WATERINGBURY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of surfacing repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bow Bridge, Wateringbury, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed. The road will be closed at the bridge.

The alternative route is via B2015 Maidstone Road, B2162 Hampstead Lane/Lees Road/High Street, B2010 Yalding Hill, Kenward Road, Bow Hill.

**GEORGE LANE, LEEDS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on George Lane, Leeds, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Lower Street and Burberry Lane.

The alternative route is via Lower Street, Penfold Hill, Burberry Lane.

**GOUDHURST ROAD, STAPLEHURST  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Goudhurst Road, Staplehurst, on or after 19 July 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with from Pinnock Lane to Pristling Lane.

The alternative route is via Pristling Lane, Five Oak Lane.

**HOWLAND ROAD, MARDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Howland Road, Marden, on or after 16 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Weavers Cottage.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Battle Lane and Albion Road.

The alternative route is via Battle Lane, St Ann's Green Lane, B2079 Maidstone Road.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION  
(SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994  
SECTION 16A****One Mile Run - 20th July 2012**

Kent County Council gives Notice that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is being held on the highway. Kent County Council has made an Order; the effect will be to temporarily prohibit the use of Vehicles travelling on:-

**Station Road - from Week Street to St Faiths Street**

**St Faiths Street**

**Fairmeadow - south inside lane**

**High Street**

The Order will become effective on 20th July 2012. The restrictions/prohibitions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs in operation.

Nothing in the Order will apply to:

- Any Vehicle being used for Ambulance purposes, Coastguard/RNLi, Fire Brigade or Police services.
- Anything done by a Statutory Undertaker vehicle in connection with an emergency repair.
- Anything done with the permission or at the direction of a KCC traffic Marshall, Event Organisers or a Police Constable in Uniform.

**THURNHAM LANE, THURNHAM  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new drinking water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Thurnham Lane, Thurnham, on or after 3 August 2012 for up to 2 months or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction of Ware Street for approximately 150 metres.

The alternative route is via Pilgrims Way, The Street, Hockers Lane, Ware Street.

## HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**RECTORY LANE, SALTWOOD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a water supply to a new development, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rectory Lane, Saltwood, on or after 16 July 2012 for up to 2 days, between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the stables.

There is no alternative route, as the road is a cul-de-sac. Every effort will be made to maintain access, but there may be times when this is not possible.

**GIBRALTAR LANE, HAWKINGE  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to lay electricity cabling in the highway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gibraltar Lane, Hawkinge, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to 5 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Elvington Lane and Terlingham Lane.

The alternative route is via Crete Road West and Elvington Lane.

## HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**HIGH STREET, SHOREHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of tree safety works on adjacent steep bank at Oxbourne House, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Shoreham, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the steep bank at Oxbourne House to junction with Shacklands Road.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Church Street and Shacklands Road.

The alternative route is via Castle Farm Road, Castle Road, A225 Station Road, Church Street.

**PUDDLELOCK LANE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to water mains, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Puddlelock Lane, on or after 16 July 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for the whole length.

There will be no access for through traffic from the junction of Mapleton Road to the Junction of Toys Hill.

The alternative route is via Toys Hill, Pootings Road, Mapleton Road.

## HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

**CHURCH HILL, HERNHILL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of essential drainage works to prevent flooding, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Hill, Hernhill, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Church Hill School Mews.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Kays Lane and Fostall.

The alternative route is via Kays Lane, Kemsdale Road, Fostall and Church Hill.

**CLOCKHOUSE LANE, BOUGHTON  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow an excavation in the carriageway to remove a redundant electrical box, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clockhouse Lane, Boughton, from 30 July 2012 at 9.00 am until Friday 3 August at 4.00 pm, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The alternative route is via Clockhouse Lane, Selling Road and Brenley Lane.

**GREEN LANE, RODMERSHAM  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Green Lane, Rodmersham, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to 1 month or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Stockers Hill, Highsted Valley, Cheney Hill, Slough Road and Pitstock Hill.

**NORTON ROAD, NORTON & BUCKLAND  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow access to overhead cables to restore phone services, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Norton Road, Norton & Buckland, on or after 16 July 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Provender Lane and Lewson Street Road.

The alternative route is via Tickham Lane, Nouds Lane, Nouds Road, A2 London Road, and Norton Lane.

## HIGHWAYS - District of Tunbridge Wells

**LADHAM ROAD, GOUDHURST  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of kerbing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ladham Road, Goudhurst, on or after 30 July 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Chequers Road and Jarvis Lane.

The alternative route is via Jarvis Lane, Chequers Road.

**PETERIDGE LANE, BRENCHEY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Peteridge Lane, Brencley, on or after 19 July 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside 41 to 44.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Cryals Road and Tibbs Court Lane.

The alternative route is via Peteridge Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road, A21 Hastings Road, Cryals Road, Peteridge Lane.

**John Burr**  
Director Kent Highways  
Invicta House  
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Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 15th July 2012

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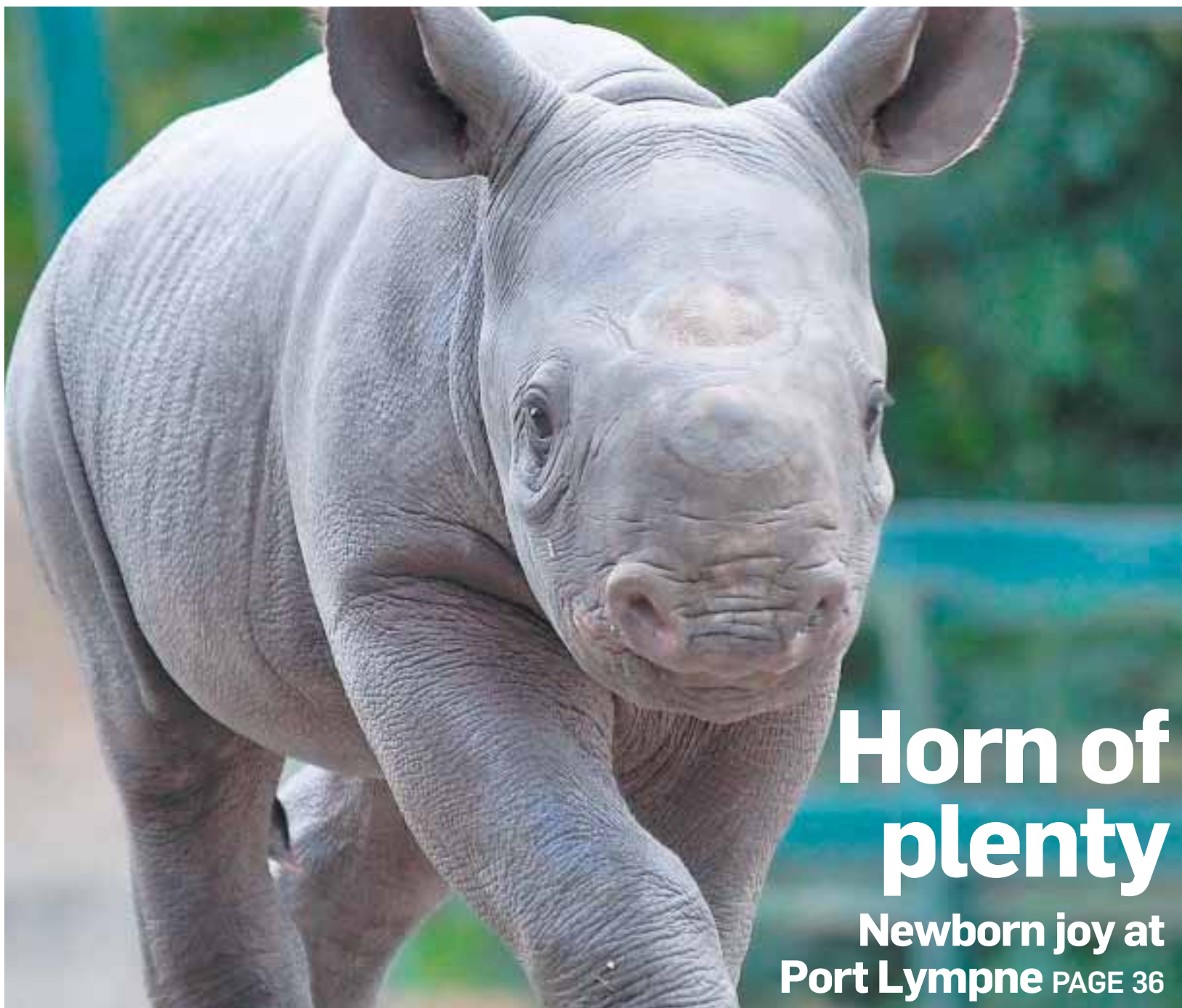


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# Kent Weekend



## Horn of plenty

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(T&C's below)

**LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331**

**SENSUAL** 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309**

**BECKY** 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very lovely, WLTm Mr Right if he is out there? **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305**

**LOUISE** young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389**

**BUBBLY** female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390815**

**MID** 40's slim, attractive female, seeks single male, 65-80 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391989**

**DONNA** 24yr old single nurse, curvy, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTm mature male for romance 25-45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117**

**SARAH** 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GOSH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097**

**DENISE** very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391093**

**JACQ** 45, slim, natural blonde, blue eyes, GSOH, seeks confident guy for company/friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391564**

**KAREN** 38 slim and attractive seeking confident professional for companionship, status/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392407**

**28YR** old lady, seeking male, 35-60 for serious relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391756**

**BUBBLY** fun loving single mum, 47, seeks Knight in shining armour, 38-55 to put the spark back into life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392951**

**JEM** 24 new to this, WLTm someone who also enjoys fine wine/dining for good times and adult relationship, 28-45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392497**

**TRACY** likes nights in/out, seeking honest male, 36-46 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391884**

**SERENE** affable black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, friendly, loves reading nature, theatre, music, sports WLTm genuine caring gent, 34-47 to share laughter/life. **London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411**

**YOUNG** in outlook 60yr old lady, seeks gent with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393173**

**JUDY** slim blue eyed blonde, 35yrs, great fun, intelligent, educated, N/S, seeks witty guy for gym dates, friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393135**

**VERY** attractive single black female, 32, loves night in/out, seeking genuine companion for text fun, love and laughter. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393131**

**FAY** very lovely single mum, 26yrs looking for some adult companionship with open minded, non-judgmental male. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393121**

**LORRAINE** 32yr old petite attractive female looking for male to turn up the heat on our rather gloomy summer. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393119**

**MARGARET** middle aged, attractive, likes storm chasing, cooking, seeks male with GSOH, possible forces. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391648**

**SARAH** 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912**

**AFFABLE** serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTm genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. **London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411**

**MEL** easy going middle aged singleton looking for adult companionship with nice male who appreciates a feminine, attractive lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392487**

**WELL** educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136**

**ELIZABETH** 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390990**

**51YR** old attractive Queen of the Jungle, seeking genuine, caring older gent for uncomplicated times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916**

**JACKIE** 32 attractive classy professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013**

**JAYNE** honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390985**

**LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743**

**ANNE** 60, Christian, WLTm similar person. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496**

**AMANDA** 25yr old easygoing singleton looking for fun times only with mature male, 35-55. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389733**

**SOPHIE** lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731**

**LADY** 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653**

**KIRSTY** 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383051**

**BERYL** 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503**

**NATALIE** professional 30's female, no ties, everything a classy blonde should be, looking for special times with male up to 65yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391871**

**FEMALE** 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787**

**CHRISTIAN** lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565**

**IRENE** looking for happy go lucky relationship with trustworthy male for romantic evenings in, quiet nights out, passionate weekends away and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381701**

**SLIM** tall, elegant, feminine, NS, solvent lady, young 50's, loves travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388071**

**NICOLE** lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, beautiful, creative and looking for sincere male for mature loving ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145**

**SUSAN** very pretty curvy blue eyed girlie girl, WLTm genuine male seeking a classy blonde for a mutually loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391085**

**JEANETTE** big brown eyed busty fit size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life with. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374703**

**JENNY** very young shy black female looking for reliable, genuine nice older man to help me become an attentive lover, 40-70yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374701**



**HELLO** I'm Jane, attractive, genuine, caring, intelligent, romantic and single at 38yrs, what are you waiting for? Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374677**

**ALISHA** blue eyed petite brunette, likes to keep fit, cooking, holidays, seeks male 30-45 for special times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392399**

**MICHELE** very attractive black single mum, 32yrs, someone you could take home to your mother, seeking a one in a million guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391879**

**GEORGINA** likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426**

**TANYA** 28, beautiful black single mum, very body confident and all of love. Lonely and looking for good company with experienced respectful man. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381727**

**HI** genuine, fun to be with male? Nancy 39, attractive, discreet, lonely and in need of some much missed male attention. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381705**

**IRENE** looking for happy go lucky relationship with trustworthy male for romantic evenings in, quiet nights out, passionate weekends away and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381701**

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**NICOLE** lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, beautiful, creative and looking for sincere male for mature loving ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145**

**JACQUELINE** blue eyed attractive petite blonde, fit/active and social looking to meet similar kind male for ltr and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388137**

**YOUTHFUL** 52yr old female, old fashioned, seeks N/S male, 52-56 to have a talk and laugh with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390771**

**MARIE** 45, Irish, GSOH, seeking male with GSOH and lots of energy for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391222**

**JACKIE** late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoys walking, nights in and meals out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283**

**HI** I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643**

**TINA** new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625**

**SARA** 31 tall sexy and single, lovely green eyes, outgoing and social WLTm tall down to earth stable male for poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386623**

**DEBBIE** 5ft 8ins, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 8ins, slim, 47, likes gym, cinema, bowling, meals out, concerts, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390362**

**ANNE** romantic lady, 60's, looking for that special someone for LTR, late 50's or 60's with own car. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386225**

**ATTRACTIVE** lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987**

**DEBBIE** 5ft 8ins, short dark hair/eyes, slim, daughter, easygoing, likes dinner, cinema, bowling, gym, music, travel, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386337**

**SUE** young looking vivacious female with great sense of humour, OHAC, independent, interesting and sensual, seeking single tactile male. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386275**

**JACQUELINE** 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387539**

**ALICE** 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107**

**MANDY** 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384555**

**HI** I'm Jo, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for uncomplicated fun times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387103**

**LISA** blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks fun loving, adventurous male, 45-52 for friendship, fun and who knows what else. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389020**

**WENDY** cuddly 52yr old romantic, GSOH, N/S, likes reading, cinema, meals out, seeks male, 45-55 with GSOH to be my Knight in shining armour. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389614**

**MARION** 38 slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383159**

**VAL** compassionate outgoing female with a big heart and no preconceptions just looking for love with similar minded male. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383155**

## Men Seeking

**Ladies Text n' Chat.** Text in now and chat to local people.

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**LIGHT** hearted 58yr old male, 6ft, blue eyes, slim, lively, active, seeks pretty woman 28-50 for fun times. **Croydon. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393567**

**EARLY** 50's male, medium build, brown eyes, likes theatre, meals out, good times, walks, swimming, seeks female for mutual fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393561**

**DAVID** 70 plus, seeks female, 55 plus for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391994**

**40'S M** male, nice looking, 6ft, seeking nice female to share time with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391960**

**PAUL** 47, likes sports, nights out, seeks female for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391954**

**SINCERE** male, 55, seeks attractive, sincere lady for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393591**

**MATURE** professional, semi-retired man, fit, well travelled, financially sound, not old but very well done, seeks elegant, mature, worldly lady for close companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393369**

**STEVE** 30, easy going, seeking mature female, 30-50 for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391932**

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## THE INTERVIEW

Amanda Reifer

# Feel good and enjoy the sunshine

Cover Drive singer tells **Joe Bill** why she is so happy with Caropop

**T**HE Caribbean has always been a hotbed of musical ability – you only have to look at the Marley family to know the depth and diversity of the talent among the islands.

New Caropop group Cover Drive are the latest collective to appear on the music scene, signing to British label Polydor from their home in Barbados.

The foursome have already had a UK No 1 and bagged two other top-10 hits; they have also opened for pop-star Rhianna on her tour. But the group's laid-back Caribbean attitude remains ever-present despite the developing hysteria surrounding them.

Lead singer Amanda Reifer said: "I would describe our album as the cheapest trip to Barbados you can get. If you want a vacation and you can't afford the flight, just buy our album – it is feel-good, sunshine music.

"We like to call it Caropop music, which is a mixture of Caribbean music like reggae, calypso or dancehall mixed with pop music. It makes you feel good – it reminds me of being on a beach in the sunshine."

Cover Drive will be performing at the Sound Island Festival at Quex Park, Birchington, later this month, but the weather and the atmosphere may be a little different to that of their first gig almost two years ago.

The 22-year-old said: "Our first ever gig was opening for Rhianna in Barbados for that leg of her tour. It was our first gig ever and it was in front of 25,000 people, which was incredible.

"Actually it was really scary. We hadn't been on stage before, never in front of that many people, and obviously opening for Rhianna – she is a mega superstar across the world.

"We were really nervous at first, but we had so much fun and she was really cool with us and as soon as we got on stage all the nerves went away. It was an amazing first gig."

The rest of the band is made up of Barry 'Bar Man' Hill on guitar, Jamar Harding on bass and T-Ray Armstrong on drums, but the crew have all been playing together for years.

Reifer said: "We got together to make music through all of us being friends and living in the same place. I used to babysit T-Ray; he and Jamar are the same age and knew each other; and I met Bar Man at college.



"We were all just kind of wasting time playing music together and not really going anywhere with it. T-Ray's mum, she is now our manager, suggested that we stop wasting our time and started a band. And since we did that, it has been amazing."

Cover Drive went on to use social-networking video site YouTube to launch themselves, and it seemed to work pretty well.

"We thought 'How can we let people know we are around?'. There weren't too many places we could perform because we were under age and we just went for YouTube instead.

"We played some covers and wanted to make them really fun and show off our personalities.

And T-Ray played some random instruments – including a Red Bull can. I think. We had fun and put the video up and it just got so many views. It grabbed some interest from a label and now we have done more than 60 covers as well as our own stuff."

Their song Twilight bagged a No 1 earlier this year, while their follow-up single Sparks took a No 4 spot from debut album Bajan Style.

"The group No Doubt are our biggest influence," said Reifer. "We love them and are a little bit obsessed with them. I know everything about them – a little too obsessed, maybe.

"We have met Tony Kanal from No Doubt

and worked with him on a single. It didn't go on our album in the end because we were so star-struck that we didn't even get to finish it. He was cool and a really nice guy.

"We also met will.i.am from Black Eyed Peas and he gave us some really good advice. We didn't want to do any collaborations on our album in the end – we wanted people to just get a feel for us."

However, for their coming single the group have announced that they will be working with a UK star.

"We are doing some collaborations this time. Our new single will have a guest singer on it – I don't want to tell you, but OK I will tell you. Dappy from N-Dubz is going to be on our next single. We just shot the video with him yesterday."

Whether or not he will appear at Sound Island isn't clear, but Cover Drive did confirm two other rumours. The first is that they will be touring with X Factor group JLS this summer and the second is that their name derives from a cricketing term...

"Cover Drive is a cricket shot. T-Ray's dad is obsessed with cricket and we were trying to think of a name for the band. He used to train the Barbados cricket team and all that and we couldn't think of any names. So he said 'What about Cover Drive – it's an excellent shot in cricket'. We strive for excellence, so this was perfect and we liked how it sounded."

At the Sound Island gig the group will be on the same stage as Olly Murs and Rizzle Kicks, two acts that they already rate highly.

"We spend most of our time in the UK. We are signed to Polydor Records here, so this is where we tend to stay.

"We have been back and forth from the UK for the last two years, so of course we know all about Olly Murs and Rizzle Kicks – we are super-excited to be performing with them."

**Cover Drive will play the Sound Island Festival at Quex Park on Sunday, July 29. Visit [www.gigantic.com](http://www.gigantic.com) or phone 0844 8889991 for tickets. They can also be booked by visiting Margate Winter Gardens.**

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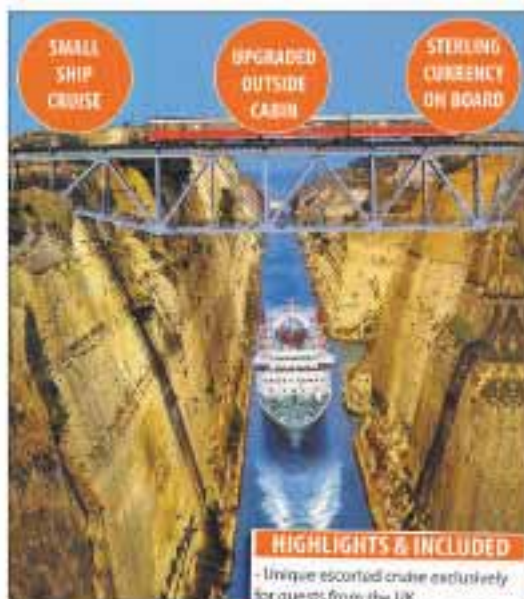
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## Flavours of Kent

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# More attention to detail would break the chain of mediocrity

In a time when celebrity chefs dominate our screens and the culinary arts are all the rage, top independent restaurants are cleaning up. And while there will always be a market for chain restaurants, I cannot help but think they have had a raw deal of late.

Now, chain diners are not expecting their meals to be served up by Heston Blumenthal, but a good dish is still a good dish. So when news broke that the ever-reliable Pizza Express had opened a new restaurant in trendy Whitstable, there were no tears from me.

The décor of the new venue is modern and clean, while diners can watch the chefs at work.

My other half and I opted for the classic Italian antipasto sharing dish at £9.90. It arrived on a fancy tripod and was perfectly presented. "Cured Italian meats", as described on the menu, were in fact slices of an Italian sausage... singular but still delicious. This was on a bed of rocket, warm dough sticks, roasted tomatoes, large green Sicilian olives, baby mozzarella and sweet pepperdew peppers.

The ingredients worked well and were fresh-tasting, but without a dressing the rocket was overpowering and dry.

For the mains my guest went pasta with the pollo pesto, made up of red onions, chicken,

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mozzarella, Parmesan, pesto sauce and mushrooms at £9.60. Very tasty, I was told.

I went pizza and for a Romana-style base (very thin and crispy) with a new recipe, the meatball Bolognese. To me that sounded like heaven for £11.75. It featured a Bolognese sauce, beef meatballs, roquito peppers, mozzarella, Grana Padano (an Italian cheese) and rocket. It arrived and magnificently covered half of the table. However, I couldn't actually see the pizza for the small field of rocket that covered it. Once most of that had been picked

off, the pizza was all I thought it would be. Superbly cooked, great texture, great taste.

Dessert was banoffee pie at £4.95 for her and chocolate-fudge cake with cream (£4.95) for me.

The latter arrived with ice-cream rather than cream. I wasn't too fussed about the change, but I do hate it when service staff don't write down the order and then get it wrong.

My warmed-up pudding was average.

With just three tables in the restaurant at this point, my partner had asked for the bill with the delivery of our desserts. It didn't come.

With the clearance of the plates, we asked again for the bill. It didn't come.

Diners from another table went to the desk to ask for the bill and only once the waitress had finished her conversations did she deliver it.

Half an hour after we had first asked, I went to the desk and paid £53.05. It isn't always the food that distinguishes the independent restaurants from the chains – it is the little details and the staff that can make for a great experience. Maybe it's just a question of caring.

Joe Bill

### Pizza Express

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## The gap is bridged

AFTER almost four years of standing unused on Maidstone's waterside, the former River Bar building has been restored to its former glory.

The picturesque venue in the heart of the county town will be taken under the wing of Michael Schembri and renamed Bridges.

The new business will incorporate a stylish wine bar offering modern English cuisine on the lower floor of the building, while upstairs will house a restaurant offering à la carte dining.

With a new experienced chef at the helm, the kitchen team will be using top local ingredients for quality fish and meat dishes.

Having lain dormant for many years, the building had been damaged by arsonists and was in danger of becoming a regular haunt for drug-users.

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## It's Gazza the Great Paul Gascoigne

**The Orchard Theatre, Dartford**

Thursday, November 8, at 8pm  
01322 220000  
[www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk)

ONE of English football's best-ever players, Paul Gascoigne, will be making an appearance at Dartford's Orchard theatre.

An Audience With Paul Gascoigne has been confirmed for later this year and the stories are sure to flow.

Gazza, who is as well known for his mischievous antics off the pitch as his dazzling performances on it, will reveal the memories of his sensational career.

From plastic breasts to the dentist's chair and from tears in Italy to that goal against Scotland, Gazza is a world icon. He will be joined on stage by compère Terry Baker and special guest Ron Harris. Tickets are on sale at £40

## A-maize-ing Pick this place for a puzzle

**Penshurst Place,  
near Tonbridge**

Saturday, July 21, to September  
[www.penshurstplace.com](http://www.penshurstplace.com)

FOR the first time, Penshurst Place will have a maze attraction for visitors to enjoy during the school summer holidays this year.

But get this – the maze is

made out of, well, maize. And it's sure to provide hours of eco-fun for the family.

The new attraction has been designed by Mazescape and will be open at Penshurst from Saturday, July 21, to mid-September, depending on the weather conditions.

The maze will be free to visit for full-paying garden-ticket-holders and Penshurst Place season-ticket-holders.

For voucher- and other card-holders there will be a small extra charge of £2 per adult, £1 per child, per visit to take on the winding, life-size puzzle.



## Art exhibition TV contestant is in the city

**Lilford Gallery, Palace  
Street, Canterbury**

Sat, July 14-Sat, August 4  
01227 766616

BRITISH artist Charles Williams will stage an exhibition of his work at Canterbury's Lilford Gallery this month to coincide with his appearance on BBC Two arts contest Show Me The Monet.

The artist is featured in the series that follows the fortunes of amateur and professional artists from across the UK as they compete for a spot at a grand exhibition at the Royal College Of Art in London.

Williams, who was born in the US and raised in England, studied at Maidstone College Of Art at the same time as Tracey Emin and went on to study at the Royal Academy, London, where in 1992 he winning the top prize for painting.

Williams's Canterbury exhibition runs until the first week of August.

## Joyous arrival Black rhinos are up by one

**Port Lympne, Hythe**

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KEEPERS at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park have been thrilled by the birth of a black rhinoceros at the site.

The little female was born just two weeks ago to mum

Nyasa and dad Zambezi, taking the number of black rhinos at the park to 14.

The youngster is already running about and playing in the sunshine as she gets used to her surroundings in the Kent countryside.

Only last month, three black rhino were released back into the wild in Tanzania through the Aspinall Foundation, with a little help from Prince William.

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## Cars, a castle and collections Vintage days

**Chiddingstone Castle**  
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At a special event later this month, visitors to picturesque Chiddingstone Castle can admire beautifully-restored veteran motor cars.

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be on display in front of the castle, arriving as part of the Veteran Car Company Best Of West Kent Run 2012, which takes the cars on a route around the countryside.

After exploring the grounds, visitors can choose to discover the secrets inside the castle and the fascinating collections of Denys Eyre Bower, including the famous Japanese Collection, the Egyptian artefacts and the Stuart and Jacobite exhibition.

Tickets are priced at £8 for adults and £5 for children, with the under-fives going in free.

## It's not just a silly phase 10cc on tour

**The Marlowe, Canterbury**  
Thursday, October 11  
01227 787787  
[www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com)

LEGENDARY 70s pop band 10cc have announced that their 40th anniversary tour will include Canterbury's Marlowe theatre.

Having sold more than 15 million albums in the UK and 30 million worldwide, 10cc are celebrating an incredible journey through No 1 hits such as I'm Not In Love (1975) and Dreadlock Holiday (1978).

Founding member Graham Gouldman said: "It's hard to believe it's 40 years since 10cc was born in Strawberry Studios in Stockport. I'm immensely proud of all we have achieved. As long as the fans want to hear the songs played live, I'll be happy to oblige."

10cc earned public acclaim for their 11 top-10 UK singles, some of which have been covered by the likes of Fun Lovin' Criminals.



## So much for so many Battle of Britain flight

**Capel-le-Ferne, Folkestone**  
Sunday, July 15  
Flypasts at 1.30pm and 3pm  
[www.battleofbritainmemorial.org](http://www.battleofbritainmemorial.org)

THE Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will pass over Capel-le-Ferne this weekend to mark the anniversary of the historic combat.

Both a Spitfire and a Hurricane will fly over the Kent coast to salute the 72nd anniversary of the battle as the nation pays its respects to the almost 3,000 airmen who took to the sky to end Nazi invasion plans in the summer of 1940.

Twelve members – all now in their 90s – of the elite group of men Winston Churchill first described as The Few will parade at the National Memorial To The Few, on the coast road just outside Folkestone. The event will start with the first flypast at 1.30pm.

## Back in town Alfie Boe calls by for a return

**The Orchard Theatre, Dartford**  
Thursday, July 19  
01322 220000  
[www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk)

OVERWHELMING public demand has led to English tenor Alfie Boe returning for a second performance at The Orchard in Dartford.

The West End, Broadway

and recording superstar will be treading the Dartford boards for a second time this year, on Thursday, July 19, following his sell-out show in May.

Boe has brought various genres of music to new audiences around the world and will once again showcase his spectacular voice.

His tour follows the phenomenal success of his two latest albums Bring Him Home and Alfie. Both albums have been in the top-10 best-seller list and between them sold more than half a million records.



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## Blake's four Networking superstars

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WIDELY known as the group who formed on Facebook, classical-pop crossover band Blake have booked a show at The Gulbenkian in Canterbury for later this year.

The foursome have already sold half a million albums worldwide and been nominated for two Brit Awards, while leading the anthems for the English national rugby team at Twickenham.

The vocal harmony quartet present their new UK tour Love Lifts Us Up, on which they will perform their unique renditions of pop, classical and West-End anthems.

Humphrey Berney, Ollie Baines, Jules Knight and Stephen Bowman have been in demand after performances and interviews on Daybreak, BBC Breakfast, Loose Women, The Alan Titchmarsh Show and Sky News.



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UP-AND-COMING singer and guitarist Marcus Bonfanti heads to the WhitLive introducing stage at The Duke of Cumberland. Nominated in this year's

British Blues Awards for best vocal and best guitarist, this spellbinding young performer has a voice like sand and glue and is likely to be loosening the plaster from the ceiling.

Described as a mix between Jimmy Page and Seasick Steve, the modern bluesman will follow in the footsteps of ShyChlo and Janice Graham Band, who sold out the venue.

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JESSICA Wright, star of hit TV show The Only Way Is Essex, has announced she will be performing at the Sound Island Festival.

The reality TV regular will be

using the Quex Park event to push her debut single due for release in the coming weeks. Wright is signed to the same dance record label as NDubz's Tulisa Contostavlos.

The singer will join the Sunday line-up, which now includes headliner Olly Murs, Rizzle Kicks, Cover Drive and Diana Vickers.

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# Driving

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By **Steve Loader**  
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VAUXHALL'S first Astra VXR was talented yet flawed.

It was the most powerful hot hatch on UK roads then and looked it, but I called it 'The Beast' due to wild road manners.

Attempting to put 240PS (236bhp) down on tarmac was always going to be a struggle and the VXR's steering wheel bucked in your hands, particularly in the wet, and the ride was hard, too.

Rather than a pleasure, driving was like persuading a Rottweiler to go quietly to the vet's.

So what did Vauxhall do for generation two? Make it even more powerful, of course, but this is a very different beast.

In fact, its predecessor seems to have been a watershed for the sporty VXR sub-brand. Vauxhall has since adopted a more realistic brief: the power and chassis is nice to have but not so that driver and passengers must suffer all the time.

So, the existing Insignia and Corsa VXRs are useable everyday cars with the capability to do much more when opportunity arises – the Rottweiler trots at heel until the driver decides to unleash it.

Following the same philosophy, the new Astra (£26,995) is tipped to become VXR's best-seller, despite an awesome 280PS (275bhp), making it the most powerful car in its class.

Learning from its unruly predecessor (2005-10) Vauxhall has fitted a limited slip differential to enable the Astra to apply as much power as possible without hopping from one front wheel to the other and causing the dreaded 'torque steer' for which the old car was infamous.

It's not a complete cure, but the torque steer is milder and very much at extremes of power output in a straight line.

Cornering is an enthusiast's delight, though, with the VXR wanting to oversteer or step out – predictably, mind you – like a rear-wheel-drive car, rather than run wide as a front-wheel-drive set-up should.

I'm sure it's great fun on a track, as you can also fiddle with the tautness of the suspension by selecting Sport mode or the extreme VXR setting.

But this new Astra is as much about looks as performance, definitely making the most of the stunning three-door Astra GTC design from Vauxhall/Opel's British design guru Mark Adams and his team.

Sitting on huge 19- or 20-inch alloys, wearing a smart yet discreet body kit and kicked-up rear spoiler, the VXR looks the part.

The cabin is sharp, too, with bespoke VXR sports seats and quality interior that's also surprisingly practical; with suspension on Normal mode, this road-going rocket can actually function as a family runabout.

Vauxhall sees its rivals as the VW Scirocco R and the Renault Megane Renaultsport, but the new VXR beast is the bargain, thanks to looks and generous standard kit.



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Best rival:  
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## Restraint of the VXR beast



**MEANING BUSINESS:**  
Vauxhall's Astra VXR is not only the most powerful car in its class, but it also looks the part, with huge alloy wheels and smart yet discreet body kit and spoiler

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# Latest offering from VW gets well up on Apple's core values

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HAS the car industry gone Apple-mad?

I've written previously about Chevrolet's hybrid electric car as the 'iVolt', since the interior has the Apple touch, while Hyundai has a string of models prefixed by an 'i' – the vowel with which Apple has already wowed the world.

There are many other examples and now I've been driving a new Volkswagen Up city car (from £7,995) in the classic Apple colour – white.

For heaven's sake, it even has a cheeky grin like the Apple Macintosh start-up icon – in white it looks like a boxer wearing a gumshield.

And while the Up needs to appeal to younger buyers, its cute yet functional three- or five-door style also works for everyone else – something of an Apple trait, too.

Like Apple products, though, you do pay a bit more for the Up and its more upmarket badge; cheaper versions of virtually the same car exist as the Seat Mii and Skoda Citigo.

However, the Up is more stylish, with its distinctive kicked-up rear window frame – only on the three-door, though – smart glass tailgate... and that front-end grin.

There are also nice touches like the adjustable false floor to the boot that allows you to stack tall items like suitcases upright when it's removed or, when in place, create a flat load space level with the folded seats – by the way, the boot is impressively big for this class.

To top this, Up second-hand values should also be higher than the Skoda or Seat when you come to sell.

There's just the one engine, a willing 1.0-litre petrol unit available with outputs of 60PS (59bhp) and 75PS (74bhp), but you won't notice much difference in town traffic, since the low-down pulling power is roughly the same. Only when the 75PS stretches its legs does extra power higher up the range become evident.

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## HIGH RISER:

The interior of VW's eco Up, although not luxurious, is enormous for the size of the car and offers good ride quality both for long journeys and around town

(from £10,515) you're not going to regret much, since the Up is such a fun package in basic form.

In many ways, it recalls the original 1960s Mini, with its wheel at each corner stance to maximise cabin space; it's enormous for the scale of the car, so it's no wonder that VW has promoted seeing how many people can cram into an Up, just as an earlier generation used to do with the Mini.

The driving is also Mini-esque; it corners and grips well, and while the engine is not exactly quiet, it's refined for a three-cylinder and revs well so that the little car is good fun in the cut and thrust of town traffic.

Nobody should be fazed by a long journey, either, especially with all that space and a surprisingly good ride quality.

The cabin is functional rather than luxurious

and even top-spec models won't change that impression, but it's funky and well organised, with robust materials used, and blanked-off panels do not disfigure the cheaper models.

For example, if you go for sat-nav, this sits in a little pod on top of the dash.

The test car happened to be a flagship High Up with the BlueMotion Technology package that makes the car exempt from road tax – mind you, tax on other Ups is only £20 annually after the first year anyway.

Of course, there's a saving on fuel, too; the BlueMotion has an official combined cycle of 68.9mpg, while the standard 75PS engine returns 60.1mpg.

But the best buys are the cheaper 60PS models that still return 62.8mpg on the combined cycle – so, no real need to trade up for your Up.

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## Chevy and its space 'Cruzer'

CHEVROLET has announced typically aggressive pricing from £15,375 on its new Focus-class Cruze Station Wagon, due this autumn.

This new estate looks sharp, too, though still offers a creditable 1,478 litres of load space with rear seats folded flat.

Standard kit includes air-con, electrically-heated/adjustable mirrors, roof rails, rear and boot 12v power sockets and electronic boot release.



## Fourth strong with new Clio

RENAULT has confirmed it will launch its fourth-generation Clio supermini early next year.

The latest example of the French marque's best-seller is expected to set benchmark economy levels, with weight savings of about 100 kilos against its predecessor and powertrains including Renault's first three-cylinder engine – a turbocharged 900cc unit.

A dual-clutch auto transmission makes its debut.



## An upgrade for the Citroën C5

CITROËN has facelifted its stylish C5 saloon and Tourer (estate) family-size range for the first time since its launch in 2008, when it was pitched as a 'teutonically-inspired' riposte to premium German models.

Apart from cosmetics, the revised range (from £19,895) offers £700 Techno Pack upgrades on alloys, parking sensors, eMyWay satnav/audio/connectivity package, chrome window sills and front foglights.

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## It's time to get ready for the Dacia dust-up

By Steve Loader

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RENAULT has started a price war with the long-awaited launch of its value-brand Dacia.

The Romanian-based range is in such demand elsewhere that Renault claims this as a key reason that it has delayed production of right-hand drive (rhd) examples for the UK.

Indeed, prospective Dacia Duster SUV-buyers must drive left-hand-drive demonstrators at dealers for now since rhd deliveries are still a few months away.

But they probably won't mind since Duster prices start at £8,995, almost half that of Renault's own nearest equivalent, the Scenic MPV at £18,335, and a huge drop from the £16,595 for the cheapest Qashqai SUV from Renault group sister brand Nissan – the Duster's closest equivalent on the UK market.

Even trading up to a 4x4 Duster model costs just £2,000 extra, while you can also extend the standard three-year/60,000-mile warranty to seven/100,000 by paying an extra £850.

It all makes you wonder just what Renault is playing at when the French brand itself has had such a trying time of late in the UK, causing it to trim its range drastically at the start of 2012 and leaving dealers to mutter that the next generation of Renault's big-selling Clio super-mini can't come soon enough. For the record, the Duster entry model is also £1,355 less than Renault's cheapest conventional car, the three-door Twin-go city car.



However, before queues form at five Renault dealers appointed to sell Dacia across Kent – Motorline at Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone, and Lifestyle at Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells – note that the cheapest Duster will be rather spartan and its £8,995 price-tag means rubber bumpers, steel wheels and no radio – yes, you heard right, or rather, nothing unless you pay extra.

In reality, two-thirds of buyers are expected to choose to trade up to the flagship Lauréate trim, costing from £12,995, though this is still a lot of car for the money when standard kit includes alloys, air-con, electric windows, leather-trimmed steering wheel, satin chrome roof bars, heated and electrically-adjustable door mirrors and a major cabin upgrade.

Mid-range Ambiance trim (£11,495 for front-wheel drive, £13,495 for 4x4) and upwards also gives buyers access to Renault's excellent 1.5dCi 110 diesel engine, such a hit in the Nissan Qashqai and surely suited to this cut-price sister model/rival.

Yes, you also wonder what Nissan dealers are thinking about Renault's head-office management...

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## FOOTBALL

# The rolling Stones come back home in style after rising from the ashes

By Greg Miles

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IT has taken 24 years, and in doing so skipped generations of supporters, but finally, this weekend, Maidstone United are back playing in their own town with a sell-out pre-season friendly against Brighton.

The club went from the dizzy heights of playing in front of thousands in the Football League in the early 90s to oblivion, entertaining a handful of hardcore supporters on park pitches.

But after fighting its way back up the leagues on a firmer financial footing it has managed to build a new £2.6m stadium of its own.

It puts an end to the two decades of ground-sharing with Dartford, Ashford and Sittingbourne which meant fans had not seen a 'home' game in the town for nearly a quarter of a century, and on occasions have had to travel less distance to away games.

"It's been an absolute rollercoaster," said club secretary Darren Lovell. "There have been a few dark times. We went from the Football League to a Sunday youth team.

"It was phenomenal going from watching them at Burnley's Turf Moor in front of 11,000 to a game against Scott Sports reserves. With the greatest respect, who are they?

"We were a little bit of a strange thing; we had supporters following a Sunday league team.

"I've had away games that are closer to where we've played at home, and we've got generations of supporters we've lost that have never seen them play in Maidstone - it's a significant thing."

The club's Football League decline has been well documented over the years; held up as an example of how it over-stretched and the high cost of a string of poor business decisions.

The year before they finally clinched promotion into the league they had sold their London Road ground to MFI for a new superstore.

They moved to Dartford where they shared



**COMPLETION:** Maidstone's Gallagher Stadium has had the final touches put in place this week

the non-league club's Watling Street stadium.

But having over spent to reach the promised land the financial pressures became too much.

An attempt to move back to Maidstone saw the club splash out £400,000 on a site in Hollingbourne - only to be denied permission to develop it by the local council. The writing was on the wall. Just two weeks into the 1992/93 season they collapsed into liquidation and resigned from the league.

The club was dissolved but would rise from the ashes later that year as Maidstone Invicta. However, the road back to glory would be a long and

hard one, starting at the very bottom of the Kent football pyramid.

It was too much for Lovell who had previously travelled around the country to watch them.

"We were reduced to playing on school pitches; I couldn't watch park football," he said. "We always had a laugh and a joke, but for me it was very difficult, my club had died.

"The support base went from 5,000, a really good support base, to a handful of hardcore supporters of about three figures. At its lowest it was 30 at the most. There was only so much you could take.

"I went away got married and had children, I didn't watch a game for years."

Slowly but surely, however, they rose up the ranks, emerging into the Kent League and then winning promotion into the Ryman League.

They certainly won't be playing on a park pitch again.

Their new 3G astroturf surface is state-of-the-art. It's the same kind used in Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium which hosted World Cup qualifiers including Russia vs England and Champions League ties involving Premier League clubs Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur. So it would have to take some stormy weather to stop the Stones getting out on pitch.

Commercially, too, it has agreed some substantial deals including a £150,000 five-year stadium naming rights deal with the Gallagher Group and a shirt sponsorship deal with Britelite. Now the club is hoping to utilise its playing surface throughout the week and not rely on gate receipts to keep them afloat.

The stadium includes function rooms and a bar to hire out for extra revenue too.

The club is hoping to average just over half of its 2,000 capacity through the season, with the main attraction a 400-seater stand.

"Last year, we averaged 355, which apart from Bognor Regis, was the biggest average in the league," Lovell reflects. "Dartford's first game in their new stadium was at home to Horsham YMCA and was a 4,100 sellout.

"We can't get 4,000 in here, but we are expecting to go the right way to increase the number of supporters, with a regular 1,100 throughout the season."

Lovell said the club wouldn't be where it was today without the army of volunteers who have given up their time to drag it back to life, as well as the clubs who have hosted them.

He said: "I would like to put on record my thanks, without them we wouldn't be here today, it's kept us alive, that needs public acknowledgement."

## FOOTBALL

## Schofield reunited again with Martin Allen as double act look to plot Gills' return to promotion success

GILLINGHAM'S new assistant manager John Schofield is hoping to play his part in taking the club to the next level.

The 47-year-old has linked up with new boss Martin Allen for the second time in his career.

The pair worked together at Cheltenham Town in 2009 where he worked as Allen's assistant.

It was a whirlwind start for the man who spent the majority of his playing days at Lincoln where he made 231 appearances in six years in the early 1990s.

He made a mad dash down from his home in Lincoln to put together a training programme last Thursday.

"I took a call on the Wednesday from the gaffer saying he'd got the job and would I be interested in speaking to him? He said we are starting in the morning, normal time," he said.

"I was up at three in the morning and here at 6am to do a training programme, I met the

chairman at 10.30am, then met the players at 2.30pm and it was 8pm, or 9pm that night that we finished. It's been full on."

He took training sessions over the weekend which included a swimming session at the Strand Leisure Pool, before joining the rest of the squad on an excursion to Le Touquet in the north of France for a four-day training trip, from which they will return on Tuesday.

He is hoping they can build on the foundations laid by former boss Andy Hessenthaler.

"It's about making a difference and pushing the club forward, that's what we are aiming to achieve," he said. "We have been getting to know the players, making sure we get our philosophy into them right for pre-season.

"The training ground is good, and facilities around the place are lovely. Now we want to move it forward again."

But before the season starts there is plenty of hard work to get through: "It's about injury

prevention, aerobic levels, and getting the maximum out of the players.

"As an assistant, your role is to support the manager with discussions and communications. You work together to formulate a game plan, you spend the early part of the week drip feeding the players that information.

"I'll be organising the coaching and fitness levels, working with Patto (Mark Patterson) and the development group to make sure they're continually progressing."

Another new member of the backroom staff is strength and conditioning coach James Russell who is a former pupil at St John Fisher School in Chatham. He worked with Allen at Notts County.

Youth team physio James Barker has been promoted to look after first team affairs, replacing Steve Allen who joined the club in 2010 when Andy Hessenthaler became boss.



**RUSH:** Hectic start to life at Gills for Schofield



MOTORSPORT

# Byrne looking to find form at the ‘world’s best track’

By Greg Miles  
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SHANE Byrne is looking forward to returning to home soil next week as the British Superbike Championship heads to Brands Hatch.

With the championships at the half-way stage the pressure is mounting on riders to get themselves into a position where they can challenge in the top six in the showdown series.

Byrne is on course to achieve that after picking up two seconds and a third at Oulton Park last week. He has also shown great form at Brands in the last few years.

In the 2011 season he finished with six podiums from eight races, while in the other two he finished 16th and 6th. He is currently second in the podium credits table with 17 points, seven behind Tommy Hill, while in the overall standings he is third with 209 points, 29 behind Hill, and one behind Josh Brookes who is second.

He said: “Brands is like home, I cycle up there regularly just to say hello to all the guys and girls.

“I really love the long circuits, it’s probably one of my favourite circuits in the world, I really look forward to riding there. It’s the first track I ever raced on and won on. It’s like an amphitheatre, everybody can watch.”

He is hoping to learn from mistakes made last season when he admits it took too long to get to grips with the new parts on his machine in the crucial showdown rides.

“It’s getting to a fairly crucial part of the season where you can make it through to the show-



Picture: NICKY DUNGAN

**IMPROVEMENT:** Shane Byrne knows he has work to do despite picking up three podiums at Oulton

down which is the be all and end all,” he said. “It’s important to rack up the podium credits, and get ourselves in a position where when we get to the showdown races we have a chance to fight for every race.

“Last year going into the showdowns we starting adding new parts to the bike and it took a

while to figure it out.”

Despite last week’s podiums he knows he has more work to do.

“Last weekend we had two seconds and a third, some people would say that’s fantastic, but for me it’s a pretty bitter pill to swallow,” he said. “It means I have got more work to do.”

FOOTBALL

## Lilywhites squad set for final cut ahead of first friendly

FAVERSHAM boss Ray Turner insists he is happy with his new squad as they start their pre-season fixtures next week.

Turner has strengthened throughout his side bringing in four midfielders, a defender and goalkeeper who are part of 24 who returned to pre-season training.

He is set to trim that number to 18 over the weekend before they play their first friendly against Canterbury City on Tuesday night.

“I’m not looking to bring any more in, I’m happy with the group I have got and will be looking to trim it to 18,” he said.

“It’s unlikely unless things dramatically change, or if we get a few serious injuries.

“We are trying to improve on last year, there is a lot more experience in the core of the side and we have got some young players around them. Everyone is optimistic.

“We try to be as ambitious as possible, we are certainly looking to improve.”

He stopped short of setting any targets publicly though, stating: “Any targets will be set within our own group at the moment.”



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

**HAPPY:** No more deals for Turner

The Canterbury match, which is a 7.45pm kick-off at the Shepherd Neame Stadium, is the first of six home pre-season games as they play Welling on July 21, Erith and Belvedere on July 26, Faversham Harlequins on July 28, Hastings United on July 31, and Hollands and Blair on August 4.

“It’s always difficult to judge first games, I’m hoping to give everyone at least 45 minutes each,” he said. “We have had a couple of minor injuries that have been treated, but everyone has come through the training okay.”

SWIMMING

## It’s a family affair at gala as Harrison duo impress

OLIVER Harrison led the way for Sheerness SC&LGC with three first places at the Simon Watson Memorial Gala.

Sheerness finished fourth overall in the competition in Sittingbourne, behind winners Folkestone, second placed Beachfield, and third placed Black Lion. Sittingbourne and Milton made up the final places in 5th and 6th.

In the 15-year-old age group Harrison triumphed in the butterfly setting a new personal best, and also came first in the breaststroke and freestyle events.

He also came close to victory in the backstroke with a second place. It proved to be a real family affair for the Harrisons as his sister Emily came home first in the breaststroke, and finished second in the freestyle and butterfly and third in the backstroke.

Sheerness recorded five 1st places, eight 2nd places and nine 3rd places overall out of the 50 race event.

Other notable performances came from Georgia March (2nd in backstroke and 3rd in butterfly), Alex Mackenzie (2nd and 3rd in



**FIRST:** Harrison claims three wins

backstroke), Thomas Fantetti (3rd in butterfly), Penny Stanton (3rd in breaststroke) and Jessica Sheather (3rd in butterfly).

Sheerness also had 12 swimmers in the very first breaststroke squadron relay, and finished with two second place finishes.

CRICKET ROUND-UP



## Gore Court put to the sword by Bromley

GORE Court found themselves on the wrong end of a seven wicket thrashing by title chasers Bromley in Division Two.

GC won the toss and decided to bat and made a steady start thanks to 34 from Baber Choudhary, and 69 from James Woollard, but Christian Marsh (26) and Hemantha Alles (41) were the only other players to get into double figures as they finished on 201 for 8.

Bromley’s reply got off to a shaky start as Jack Stephens went for 7, and Richard Harmer 18. But Jay Mannall (66 not out) and Leigh Walker (80) quickly put to bed any thoughts of a GC win. Remi Chea added 16 not out as they reached 202 for 3 in 35 overs.

In Division Four Rodmersham visited Rainham and won by 38 runs. Rodmersham were restricted to a reachable total as Thomas Burns took 5-7 as they were 144 all out.

But Rainham got off to a bad start as opener Paul Swaine went for one run. Darren Noakes took 5-36 to ensure he was on the winning side as Rainham were all out for 103.

Minster hosted Cowdrey and lost by 11 runs. Gayashan Munasinghe (43) and Jack Mutch (45) got Cowdrey off to a solid start as they reached 147 all out. Minster’s Mark Tucker hit 66 but his team mates struggled for runs as they were all out for 136 in 45 overs.

In Division Five Bapchild visited OD CUACO and lost by six wickets. Bapchild’s Adam Larking hit 52 as they made 139 for 8.

The hosts made short work of their target with Gary Williamson hitting 53 as they reached 140 for 4 in 38 overs.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES									
DIVISION TWO									
	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts			
Linden Park	10	5	1	11	12	132			
Catford and Cyphers	10	5	1	5	11	126			
Bromley Common	10	5	0	7	15	118			
Upchurch	10	5	2	16	17	117			
Hayes	10	4	1	10	14	114			
Gravesend	10	3	2	14	17	103			
<b>Gore Court</b>	10	3	0	14	14	96			
Dartford	10	3	0	9	19	84			
Ashford Town	10	3	0	9	8	81			
HSBC	10	1	2	17	27	76			
DIVISION FOUR									
Cowdrey	10	7	0	4	4	140			
Sidcup	10	4	2	12	17	129			
<b>Minster (Sheppey)</b>	10	5	0	5	15	128			
Macknade	10	5	0	8	14	126			
Nonington	10	5	2	13	9	126			
<b>Rodmersham</b>	10	3	0	10	15	97			
Bexleyheath	10	2	1	10	20	80			
Rainham (Kent)	10	2	0	14	22	80			
Gravesend RF	10	1	2	14	22	80			
Betheshanger CW	10	2	0	3	16	79			
DIVISION FIVE									
OD CUACO	10	5	2	11	8	135			
Offham	10	5	1	7	12	117			
R A C S	10	4	2	8	13	113			
Chislehurst & West Kent	10	4	0	4	14	111			
Bromley Town	10	4	0	5	8	101			
Blackheath	10	4	0	8	11	95			
Bickley Park	10	2	1	5	13	88			
<b>Bapchild</b>	10	3	1	10	12	84			
Deal Victoria & BC	10	1	2	16	17	69			
Wickham Park	10	1	0	12	16	56			



## Advertisers Announcement

# Facilities-Hire at the Bishop of Rochester Academy

The Bishop of Rochester Academy in Chatham has just announced that due to local demand, key facilities at the Academy will now be made available for hire by the local community and the local business community.

The Academy is currently a dual-site school, with one Campus in Maggie Hall Road and another in nearby Letchworth Avenue. On each Campus there are key facilities which are of interest to the community - two large Assembly Halls, two modern Sports Halls, two modern Dance Studios, a traditional Gym and a number of fully equipped Cookery Rooms and Art Studios.

There are also around 50 Classrooms, which are suitable for teaching a whole range of adult education/community interest subjects, or for businesses to run training courses, plus several small Meeting Rooms which are suitable for local businesses and community groups.

Each Academy site has several Hard-Courts, marked for tennis, netball and five-a-side football.

"We have a large school site, particularly at our Maggie Hall Road Campus, and some very good facilities," said Mr Boxall, the Academy Principal. "It's only right that our facilities are made available to the local community and the local business community when not in use by our own students," he said.



## Dance Studios

Modern, with mirror-walls, good natural light and Audio/Visual equipment, the Dance Studios are perfect as a rehearsal space for Dance/Drama Clubs or for Yoga Classes, Dance Classes, etc.



## Sports Halls

Modern, marked with basketball, volleyball, badminton and five-a-side football and fully-equipped with good quality nets, etc.



## Assembly Halls

With curtained Proscenium-Arch platform Stages and full lighting rigs & all Audio/Visual equipment, the Halls are ideal for a range of drama/operatic/music/dance productions, public meetings, company seminars, family parties or Wedding Receptions, Art Exhibitions or Craft Fairs, or business exhibitions/Trade Fairs, etc. Chairs/tables can be provided, and set out according to usage.

The Academy also has extensive Playing Fields at its Maggie Hall Road Campus and is making two of the fields available. Both are currently marked with pitches for playing football and good quality equipment, such as netball goals, would be provided.

Facilities at both of the Academy Campuses can be made available for hire by the community in the evenings, at weekends and daytime during school holidays - subject to Academy events.

The facilities are being made available for hire at very reasonable rates for local community use. The Academy also has an experienced team of helpful Technicians who can be available for when Audio/Visual equipment is required.

## Gym (East Campus)

A traditional Gym, ideal for children's parties, youth clubs or as a meeting space for the Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Rangers, etc. Also good for Keep Fit or Aerobics Classes, and as a rehearsal space.



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"We've only just announced that we're making the Academy facilities available to the community and we already have bookings from a Martial Arts Club and a Fitness Class, and we've recently taken enquiries for a Judo Competition, a pre-Wedding Party and from a local Primary School to use one of our fields to run their Football Club training," said Annie Burrell, the Academy's Facilities Hire Co-ordinator.

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The Bishop of Rochester Academy's £23 Million new building is currently under construction on the Academy's East Campus site in Maggie Hall Road and Mr Boxall, the Academy Principal, has confirmed that the State-of-the-Art facilities in the 'NEW' building will also be made available for community use when it's completed next year, Spring 2013.



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